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## FACING THE CHOP?

THE future of the trees which have stood along Abbey Street for 40 years could be decided by the weight of public opinion. Residents will be asked for their opinions on the trees as part of a consultation process amid complaints they block out too much sunlight.  
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■ BY EMILY HALL

HUNDREDS of pink balloons were released at a beachside vigil for Sophie Harrison on Friday night as an emotional farewell was paid to the popular teenager.

Friends of 18-year-old Sophie, of Beech Close, Faversham, gathered at Tankerton Slopes, Whitstable, on Good Friday to celebrate the popular grammar school pupil's life.

Nearly everyone who attended the event let go of a balloon with their memories of the promising A-level student written on and many lit candles in her honour.

Friend Amy-Jayne Lambert said the beach gathering attracted more than 200 people and was a "perfect" tribute.

She added: "We all wrote messages on pink balloons and let them go. Everyone lit a candle, there were so many. The boys made a fire, as the Friday before Sophie tried to make one but couldn't, so they made one for her."

"The turn out was mind-blowing. I couldn't believe how many people attended. It just shows how much of an impact Sophie had on people's lives. It was a beautiful evening for a beautiful girl."

Sophie was a passenger in a silver Land Rover Discovery that overturned in Rheims Way, Canterbury, on Saturday, April 4.

She was airlifted to the Royal London Hospital, but never regained consciousness and died less than 48 hours later.

Since the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School pupil's death, hundreds have shared

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**BY GARETH ARNOLD**

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- We've recently filmed a series of fascinating films focusing on local history. They include a look at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury – which recently closed – and a delve back into the origins of Ashford's famous cattle market. And there are loads more besides. They are perfect if you've just moved to the area and are keen to find out more – or if you want to give your children a crash course in the background to some famous sites. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. There are thousands of clips on the site just waiting for you to explore. Go today – [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

## Hundreds pay tribute to teen

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 their memories of her on the pages of a Facebook group that now has more than 700 members.

Fellow pupil and friend James Hills, who set up the page, said Sophie was "best known for her constant smiling" and was "loved by us all".

Friend Rose Walton described the teenager – who was due to take her A-levels this summer – as "unforgettable".

Meanwhile crash investigators are still appealing for witnesses to the accident, which happened near the junction of Rheims Way, London Road, and Knight Avenue, at 6.20pm.

The 18-year-old driver of the Land Rover and four other passengers were treated for minor injuries at the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

No other vehicles were involved.

Anyone with information should call Kent Police's serious collision investigation unit on 01622 798538.

## yourswale NEWS IN BRIEF

### A proactive approach to electrical recycling

A RECYCLING event is taking place in Teynham on Saturday.

It is at the community hall in Station Road from 10am to 3pm and visitors are welcome to take any electrical items for recycling.

Environmental group SWEEP and Swale council will have recycling displays on the day.

Peter Chegwidien, Swale council's recycling officer, said "This is another example of the proactive approach we are taking to advise residents about how and where they can recycle their unwanted items."

### Car sales crackdown

COUNCIL chiefs are warning people not to sell more than one car on the roadside, or run the risk of being hit by a hefty fine.

Anyone selling two or more cars within 500 metres of each other on a road can be liable to a fixed penalty notice of £100 or can be prosecuted in court and face a maximum fine of £2,500. The aim is to crack down on vehicles left in the street.

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# Help the town find its feet with healthy walks

■ BY NICK AMES

IT HAS been key to boosting tourist numbers and injecting cash into the local economy – and what's more, walking is even good for you.

Now series of guided health walks has been drawn up to encourage people to talk regular strolls in and around Faversham to benefit their health and fitness. Anyone can take part and the walks are free.

They are also being touted as the ideal recession-busting pastime. But those behind the project are looking for local people to take the lead in guiding the walks.

Organisers say they want community-minded people to lead the walks, which take place in and around the town, taking in local places of interest such as the creeks and its tributaries and surrounding villages.

The walks begin at Faversham library at 9.45am for a 10am start every Wednesday and anyone interested should gather in the reception.

A spokesman said: "The routes are varied as much as possible so everyone can get involved.

Faversham Creek and the Saxon Shore Way are popular with walkers and will be visited as the weather improves. Other places include Lorenden Park, Oare gunpowder works and Luddenham. The walks last about 60 to 90 minutes.

"Joining a group is a great way to start walking and to stay motivated – it is also a valuable social activity.

"Walking has health benefits such as weight loss, muscle enhancement and general fitness. We have a very enthusiastic and friendly group of walkers, with new people signing up each week.

"You will receive a free rucksack after six walks and a free step-counter after 12. All walks are led by trained volunteers. There is no need to book, simply turn up and join in – everyone's welcome.

"All the walks are volunteer-led. In order to have as many in east Kent as possible for people to join, we need friendly, reliable volunteers from the community to help lead and promote the walks.

"Anyone who would be interested in a free volunteer training day, including lunch – with no commitment to lead straight away – should ring 01304 828751."

For more information about the walks, call 01795 533614.



STROLL ON: Volunteers are needed to guide walkers through Faversham's byways

## Claim Arden play was Shakespeare

AN ACADEMIC claims the anonymous work Arden of Feversham is actually a long-lost masterpiece by Shakespeare.

Dr John Casson claims the play – performed often in the town at Arden House where it was set – is the first tragedy of England's greatest dramatist.

The claim has been made before, but no proof has ever been forthcoming.

Dr Casson spent three years studying writings thought to be connected to William Shakespeare and poring over the letters of Sir Henry Neville, considered the latest candidate for the authorship of the Bard's plays.

He has published his findings in a book, titled Enter Pursued By a Bear.

Dr Casson said: "Some have said, 'We don't know if this is by Shakespeare', so I've been able to study them and say, 'Here's the evidence for Shakespeare; but here's also the evidence for Neville'. I've been able to link the two."

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## Doc helps to ease strain on hospitals

DR GILLIAN Corble has been going the extra mile for patients at her Faversham Health Centre practice in Bank Street so they can be treated closer to home.

Patients with serious conditions that would usually see them referred to a hospital consultant have been benefiting from surgery performed by Dr Corble at the health centre.

Basil Cummings, a patient in his eighties, is among those to benefit.

He said: "It takes away the stress of having an operation. It makes a real difference to be treated by people you know."

Mr Cummings suffers from rapidly-growing skin tumours as a side effect of medication he takes to stop his body rejecting the kidney transplant he had 25 years ago.

Dr Corble's scheme means he can be treated in Faversham rather than have to make a trip to Kent and Canterbury Hospital. According to Dr Corble, it can take a month for patients such as Mr Cummings to be seen at the hospital.

"In a month his tumour could easily have doubled or tripled in size," said the doctor.

## Beauty or blight? Street trees await residents' verdict

TREES along Abbey Street could be facing the chop – if locals decide they are blighting their lives.

Residents are to be consulted as to whether the trees which border the road should be removed.

The trees are one of the reasons the street – which is one of the most historic in the county – is so highly popular to live in.

However in recent years they have become a nuisance to some homeowners who say they are a problem because of their foliage.

As well as blocking windows the roots have also caused damage to the footpath.

### Light

Swale councillors heard that the main complaint about the trees was one of light being blocked from entering homes as their windows are small.

Members of the local authority were told that as many of the homes

■ BY ED HILL

in the area are very old they have extremely small windows.

The trees themselves have been a part of the local area since they were planted in the 1960s.

Some of them have now achieved quite a size, with roots becoming overgrown and causing problems for the pavement as well as obstacles to pedestrians.

Repairs to the tarmac in the area are being considered to rectify some of this damage.

Councillors also heard the trees had been "the subject of controversy for many years" and suggestions had previously been made that they be moved further apart.

The meeting ruled that residents of Abbey Street be asked for their opinions regarding the removal of any of the trees and the condition of the footpath.



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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Keep your handbags close to avoid snatchers

POLICE have issued a warning after a spate of purse thefts in Whitstable and Herne Bay.

Recently three bags were stolen in the space of 90 minutes from women shopping in Whitstable and another from Herne Bay.

The victims and witnesses said that in most cases a man bumped into the women or distracted them. However, a woman is said to have carried out one of the Whitstable thefts.

Anyone with information should call DC Ron Smith on 01227 868296.

## Teddy bears picnic theme at May Day celebrations

WHITSTABLE & Herne Bay Lions Club is holding its 34th Annual May Day Celebration at Tankerton Slopes on May 4.

The teddy bears picnic-themed event will include Punch & Judy, magic shows, Morris dancing, prizes for the best dressed bear and stalls selling hot and cold food.

A parade will start at Whitstable library at 10.30am and proceed through Whitstable via the Horsebridge, Harbour Street and to the harbour, arriving at the slopes at about 1pm.

## Cathedral choir set for whistle-stop tour of US

THE cathedral choir is touring the United States for the first time in a decade this week.

The choir, under the direction of David Flood, arrived in Chicago on Monday and will perform nine concerts from the East Coast to the Mid West before flying home from Washington DC on April 27.

Choir master David Flood said: "We have put together a programme of church music with an American flavour, which we hope everyone will enjoy."

## Wildwood workshop on the weapons of the wild

AN animal weapons workshop is being held at Wildwood near Herne Bay tomorrow.

Visitors will learn how a variety of animals defend themselves from attack, kill their food and fight for mates with teeth and claws, as well as venom, acid and slime.

The workshop is on April 16 at Wildwood in Herne Common from 2.30pm-3.30pm. Tickets are £2, with one adult free per family.

Tickets must be booked in advance, call Anne Riddell on 01227 712111.

# Visitors from the stars are filling our sky

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

REPORTS of bright lights and mysterious hovering objects suggest Kent's skies may be home to more than meets the eye.

Information released by the Ministry of Defence shows there have been 56 recorded sightings of UFOs over the county in the last decade, with 10 last year alone.

Examples include:

- A huge disc-shaped object "approximately 20 times the size of an aeroplane" spotted flying above Rainham.
- Bright orange craft "similar in shape to inverted light bulb" travelling at pace 2,000ft above Kennington, Ashford.
- Three "very low, very bright lights" travelling in formation before doing "acrobatics" before a large "globe-like object appeared and changed colours in a pulsating way, in the skies of Littlebourne, near Canterbury.
- Lights in the sky which circled a caller's house in a "half-moon shape" in Folkestone.
- Sounding like an "industrial train", a UFO was spotted above Tonbridge flying around in

circles at the height of aircraft with a strange flashing coming from it.

The number of UFO sightings throughout the UK has risen dramatically over the last few years, from 97 in 2006 to 285 last year.

The figure of 10 in Kent was also the highest in 10 years.

Nick Pope, the MoD's former UFO project head, told the BBC the very fact the ministry was now publishing its files on sightings was generating interest in the phenomenon.

He added: "UFOs are a subject that almost everyone has an opinion on."

"It is one of those great subjects which if you mention it down the pub, someone will claim to have seen one, another will claim it's all a big Government cover-up and someone else will say it's all a load of rubbish."

Nineteen files covering sightings between 1986 and 1992 were made available to view for the first time last October.

They included a mysterious near-miss



**INTERGALACTIC VISITORS?** Newly-released reports reveal an increase in UFO sightings in the county's skies

between a UFO and a passenger jet in the skies above Lydd.

According to a report of the 1991 incident, the captain of the Alitalia airliner shouted to his co-pilot in surprise as a brown missile-shaped object shot past them overhead.

Other recorded sightings last year were not so detailed, with some members of the public notifying the MoD of UFOs without providing dates, times or descriptions.

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IS there really anything – or one – out there?

From classic movies of the 50s, to the X-Files, we have always been obsessed with the prospect of little green men paying us secret visits.

Gerald Webb, 46, from Meopham, near Gravesend, is convinced he spotted something strange in the sky above his home late last month.

He said: "I live at the top of a valley where there are no street lights and no houses, so on a cloudless night you can see the sky very clearly."

"On this night I was looking out the patio win-

dow and I could see three orangey-red orbs flying in formation.

"It was like something out of a Steven Spielberg film."

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Picture DAVID ROQUE



**HEALTHY EATING:** Jonathan Parker of foodforkent.co.uk and Robert Boutwood, director of fund-raising projects for The Aspinall Foundation, feed the Colobus and De Brazza monkeys some delicious Kent produce

# Go ape for your five-a-day with tasty campaign

TWO of the county's foremost wild animal parks have thrown their support behind our campaign.

The Aspinall Foundation, which runs both Howletts in Bekesbourne, near Canterbury, and Port Lympne, near Hythe, are to help champion locally produced and supplied food and drink.

And they could not have teamed up with KOS Media's 2009 campaign at a better time, as our website spearheading our efforts welcomes some real treats this week, including delicious Kentish asparagus and strawberries grown between Faversham and Whitstable.

Not only will the much-acclaimed parks highlight the benefits of backing local producers by buying from [www.foodforkent.co.uk](http://www.foodforkent.co.uk), but park customers who use the Aspinall Foundation's Maestro prepaid card will receive a discount, too.

The animals are also celebrating after they got the chance to chow down on some of the delicious local produce, too, as Foodforkent's Jonathan Parker visited the parks.

He said: "It is amazing when you look at the diet of a gorilla. It contains more of the Government-recommended five-a-day than most of ours. Perhaps we can learn a thing or two from the gorillas by going back to eating fresh, seasonal local produce."

■ BY CHRIS BRITCHER

The website [foodforkent.co.uk](http://foodforkent.co.uk) sees us team up with the cream of the crop of local suppliers and producers to deliver the tastiest, best-value food and drink direct to your door.

Wherever possible, it was grown right here in Kent, which means every penny you spend goes straight back into the local economy – protecting jobs, communities and Kent's rural traditions.

Mr Parker added: "We at foodforkent are thrilled to join forces with the Aspinall Foundation as we stand for precisely the same green, conservational values.

"The Foundation is keen to lend its support to our local food campaign and has organised a five per cent discount for any customers using the Aspinall Foundation Maestro Prepaid card.

The card is free and can be obtained from [www.savingthegorillas.com](http://www.savingthegorillas.com).

Robert Boutwood, director of fund-raising projects for The Aspinall Foundation, said: "I am delighted to see this partnership between two organisations who are able to deliver the Government's message on healthy eating.

"Being a strong supporter of locally-sourced produce, our partnership gives us a great opportunity to let the people of Kent try local produce and help the gorillas."

## Dive in and explore our coast's delights

SEAFOOD lovers can now cast their net across the county thanks to a major new fish trail.

Created and promoted by Produced in Kent – the not-for-profit organisation supported by Kent County Council and Hadlow College – the Soul to Sole Fish Trail takes you on a tour of our beautiful coastline, highlighting the tasty treats it serves up and the history behind it.

The launch took place at The Coastguard pub and restaurant in St Margaret's Bay – and you can see the highlights for yourself at [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk). Simply search 'fish'.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Enjoy life after retirement

A PENSIONERS' group determined to enjoy life after retirement is meeting next week.

The gathering will have inexpensive refreshments as well as a number of stalls. These will include booths offering practical advice on will-writing, food help in the home and pensions, health and safety.

The group, Canterbury and District Pensioners' Forum, is meeting to help older people find out about local services and facilities and celebrate their contribution to society.

The forum is supported by East & Coastal Kent NHS Primary Care Trust and is run by older people, for older people.

The event will take place in St Peter's Methodist Hall, St Peter's Street, Canterbury on Friday, April 24. It will run from noon to 3.30pm. There is no charge for attending and all pensioners from the Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable areas are welcome.

• For more information call 01227 366494 or visit [www.cantdistforum.org.uk](http://www.cantdistforum.org.uk).

### Dance wiv Dizzee at uni

RAPPER Dizzee Rascal will perform at the University of Kent's summer ball.

Kent Union describes the grime superstar, who hit number one in the charts last year with Dance Wiv Me, as one of the most successful and exciting acts to ever headline its Summer Ball on June 6. The gig coincides with the release of Dizzee Rascal's fourth album in June.

The 23-year-old Londoner has become one of the best-known rappers in the UK since he debuted in 2004 with Boy in da Corner.

Also appearing will be popular Radio One DJ Zane Lowe.

### Hike in rent may be halved

RENT increases for council tenants may halve if Canterbury council follows government guidance.

The increase was set to be 6.2 per cent for the financial year 2009/2010, but central government has put in place an option for councils to increase rent by only 3.1 per cent.

A Canterbury council executive has noted that sending out new rent notifications will cost £5,000, but recommended lowering the rent increase to 3.1 per cent because of the benefit to lower income households.

Canterbury council has to make a decision on the housing minister's lower increase option by Friday, April 24.

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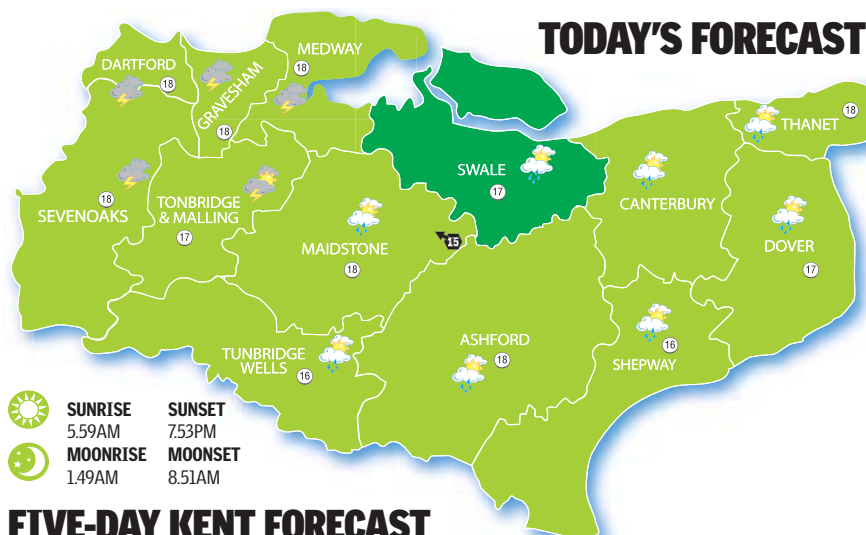
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	Sunday	8:36am	4.4m
Dover	Saturday	6:00am	4.9m
	Sunday	7:31am	4.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	6:27pm	5.7m
	Sunday	7:12am	5.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	6:30am	3.7m
	Sunday	8:01am	3.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	7:03am	4.5m
	Sunday	8:24am	4.4m
Whitstable	Saturday	7:18am	4.3m
	Sunday	8:32am	4.2m



## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	15°C	Madrid	16°C
Athens	18°C	New York	7°C
Barcelona	17°C	Paris	17°C
Beijing	27°C	Rome	19°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	20°C
Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	13°C	Tokyo	22°C
Gibraltar	19°C	Vancouver	8°C
Hong Kong	28°C	Warsaw	12°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	17°C

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	16°C	17°C	14°C	16°C	15°C	Gravesend	16°C	17°C	14°C	16°C	16°C
Canterbury	15°C	17°C	13°C	15°C	14°C	Maidstone	17°C	17°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Chatham	13°C	15°C	12°C	14°C	12°C	Ramsgate	15°C	17°C	13°C	15°C	14°C
Dartford	16°C	17°C	14°C	16°C	16°C	Rochester	13°C	15°C	12°C	14°C	12°C
Dover	13°C	16°C	12°C	13°C	13°C	Sevenoaks	16°C	16°C	12°C	14°C	14°C
Faversham	13°C	15°C	12°C	14°C	12°C	Sittingbourne	13°C	15°C	12°C	14°C	12°C
Folkestone	13°C	16°C	12°C	13°C	13°C	Tonbridge	16°C	18°C	14°C	15°C	15°C
Gillingham	13°C	15°C	12°C	14°C	12°C	Tun Wells	16°C	18°C	14°C	15°C	15°C

## Benefit fraudster claimed almost £20,000 illegally

A WOMAN was sentenced to 60 hours of unpaid community service after defrauding more than £19,000 of housing and council tax benefits, and in income support.

Charlennie Woodgate, 26, of St George's Avenue, Sheerness, admitted the offences at Sittingbourne Magistrates Court.

She pleaded guilty to three separate offences of dishonesty by failing to inform the Department of Work and Pensions, and Swale council, that she was living with a male partner.

Woodgate defrauded £10,120.25 of housing benefit, £1,955.11 of council tax benefit and £7,460.05 of income support – making a total of £19,535.41.

Jennifer Gibbs, council investigation officer, said: "Deliberately withholding information that affects your benefit claim is illegal."

"Swale council and the Department of Work and Pensions take benefit fraud seriously."

"If you are prosecuted for benefit fraud you can be fined or even receive a prison sentence."

"We will continue to work to stop criminals like this taking money that is meant for people genuinely in need."

"Members of the public can report, in confidence, anyone they think has committed benefit fraud to Swale council's Fraud Hotline on 01795 417714 or to the National Benefit Fraud Hotline on 0800 854 440."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### JANE MARTIN



**Q** Can you tell me a little about yourself?

**A** I was born and brought up in Kent. I have been married to John for 31 years and we have spent most of our married life living in different parts of the world.

I spent a great deal of our time abroad taking visitors – either official ones connected to work, or family and friends – on tours of where we were living.

I always tried to make sure we saw not only the important tourist sites, but also the hidden treasures that were well known to the locals but off the beaten track for large travel companies. With a lifelong interest in history and my experience of showing visitors around, my dream was to become a driver/guide.

**Q** Can you explain what Tours of the Realm is and how it came about?

**A** Tours of the Realm offers sightseeing tours of rural and historic Britain to small and exclusive groups of up to five people with a particular focus on Kent and the South East.

Tours of the Realm was founded by Denise Ryeland 15 years ago and when she retired last year I bought the company from her.

**Q** How does Tours of the Realm work?

**A** Generally clients find my website at [www.toursoftherealm.com](http://www.toursoftherealm.com). They contact me and I put together a person-

alised itinerary tailored to their interests.

**Q** What client base is Tours of the Realm aimed at?

**A** I market to quite a wide client base. Passengers coming in on cruise ships at Dover; visitors to London who want to escape to the country for a day or two; and Britons who want to discover hidden treasures and quirky delights.

**Q** Do you cover just Kent, or further than that?

**A** I focus on Kent and the south east, but this is not exclusive and I am happy to take clients all over the UK.

**Q** What reasons would you give someone visiting Kent to use your services?

**A** For the visitor who likes to travel in comfort in a relaxed and informal way and, most importantly, at their own pace, with a greater degree of personal attention than can be expected from larger travel companies, Tours of the Realm is ideal.

**Q** What is the best thing about your job?

**A** I spend my time going to fascinating places and meeting interesting people. This is what I've always wanted to do and now I am in the position where I get paid to do it.

**Q** The most challenging thing?

**A** The economic climate.

**Q** What kind of feedback have you had about Tours of the Realm?

**A** Overwhelmingly, visitors say that their experience has been relaxed, informative and fun and that it has given them a taste of the "real" Britain – and that they hope to come back for more.

**Q** You spend your time touring Kent so you must have seen a lot of places. What is your favourite part of the county?

**A** I love the Weald with its lovely old villages, windy lanes, world renowned gardens and beautiful countryside. On the other hand, Romney Marsh is fascinatingly enigmatic whatever the season and you can't help being drawn into it.

Walking along the white cliffs from St Margaret's to Walmer is awe-inspiring and I totally understand why Charles Dickens particularly loved this walk. Kent has so much to choose from that it's impossible to have a favourite area.

**Q** What are your hopes for the year ahead?

**A** That Tours of the Realm continues to attract a lot of interest and I become inundated with bookings.

**Q&A** Marijke Cox talks to Jane Martin of specialist Canterbury-based tour company Tours of the Realm, which promises to give visitors a real taste of Kent and further afield by going off the well worn tourist tracks

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# Oil be making energy, will you?

■ BY IAN READ

**COOKING** oil can be turned into electricity thanks to a revolutionary process now being used in Kent.

From this week used oil can be deposited in special tanks at 16 waste sites around the county – and it won't cost the council taxpayer a penny.

The oil is converted to a new fuel called LF 100 to generate electricity which is passed into the National Grid.

The scheme was unveiled by Cllr Keith Ferrin, Kent County Council's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, at Tovil Recycling site in Maidstone on Tuesday last week. Used cooking oil clogs up sewers and can put wildlife in danger.

LF 100 is produced by Living Fuels, a new company developing the pioneering fuel. Managing director Ian Collins said one litre can be converted into enough energy to make 240 cups of tea. The collection tanks hold 1,000 litres, which is enough to power an average home for a year and the scheme has been



**FAT'S A GOOD IDEA:** From this week, used oil can be deposited in special tanks at 16 waste sites around the county

rolled out across the country.

He said: "Waste cooking oil is a major environmental problem. It costs utility companies £15 million a year to unblock drains and sewers where the cold oil has congealed and solidified."

Special sensors inside the tanks tell a central control room when the oil tanks are ready for collection.

The tanks are taken to a base in Essex where the impurities are filtered out and the

fuel is used to power generators which convert it into electricity.

Mr Collins said: "The process is carbon neutral because the original product is biological and has absorbed carbon dioxide. The carbon has been burned out in the cooking process so it becomes a living fuel."

The company has 160 sites across East Anglia and the South East.

Cllr Ferrin said the process has a double effect because it gets rid of a nasty waste product and the resulting fuel lessens dependence on fossil fuels.

He said: "Kent County Council are working towards raising our recycling rate to 42 per cent by 2011 and facilities like these are the way forward."

"We are in a winning situation because we get rid of the oil at no cost to ourselves. It is a very useful addition to our recycling strategy."

New tanks have been delivered to sites in Faversham, Deal, Sheerness, Margate, Sandwich, Herne Bay, Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone, Ashford, Maidstone, Dartford, Sittingbourne and Sundridge.

To find out more details visit the website at [www.livingfuels.co.uk](http://www.livingfuels.co.uk).

## St Bernards on the search for new homes

IF YOU are worried about getting lost on upcoming mountain trips, an appeal from the RSPCA may just be your tot of brandy.

But if not, then you may still like the idea of taking on a giant cuddly St Bernard.

And the animal charity has plenty of them to go around – more than 100 in fact, saved from appalling conditions at a Northamptonshire kennel. They were found around Christmas time last year, and all are now doing well, and are in need of a new home.

The RSPCA is asking readers if they can find room in their homes and their hearts to give these animals the care they deserve.

It has taken since December for the previous owner to give up their rights to the dogs, and now the friendly giants are ready to start their new lives.

The dogs are being re-homed in small groups through various RSPCA animal centres. Priority will be given to potential owners who live nearest to where the dogs are currently being cared for to limit how far they will have to travel to their new homes.

In the south east region, priority will be given to people living in Kent, as the dogs are being cared for near Maidstone.

Pointing out the vitally obvious, the RSPCA

said St Bernards are large dogs and, as these particular animals have lived in kennels all their lives, they are not used to walking on leads and have not been house trained.

They will need experienced homes where there is a reasonably large amount of space. They will also need regular grooming.

Paul Williams, RSPCA animal welfare manager in the RSPCA's east region, said: "These dogs will need special care and patience."

"If you would like to rehome one of the dogs or make a donation so we can continue to care for animals like these, please call us on 0300 123 8000."



**GIVE A DOG A HOME:** RSPCA officer with one of the St Bernards looking for a new home in the South East

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WATER companies have been accused of kicking Kent customers while they are down by planning huge bill increases while people are struggling to cope with the recession.

Firms serving the county published their final business plans last week, setting out how much they plan to spend between 2010-15 and how much more homeowners will have to pay as a result.

Two of the five companies that supply water to Kent's homes – Sutton and East Surrey Water and South East Water – have been singled out for criticism from the Consumer Council for Water (CCW).

The watchdog was angry after bosses proposed huge above-inflation bill increases of 27 per cent and 23 per cent respectively by the end of the five-year period.

Bills would rise from an average of £154 to £196 for Sutton and East Surrey Water and

## Water watchdog snarls over price hikes and metering plan

from £158 to £193 for South East Water. Water regulator Ofwat will decide in November whether or not to approve the plans. While Sutton and East Surrey Water covers only a small area of north-east Kent, South East Water serves a much larger number of homes throughout the county as well as in Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire and Berkshire.

David Bland, chairman of the CCW in the south east, said the firms should have

thought more about the impact their plans would have on customers.

"Despite pressure from us, some companies' plans remain out of line with what many customers would find acceptable," he said. "South East Water is proposing a 13 per cent price increase in 2010 and a shift to metering for all customers. While some customers may initially save money by switching to a meter, others will not.

"The proposed combination of high price

increases and water meters has the potential to place households under increased financial pressure."

South East Water plans to spend £930 million improving its services over the next five years. This will include maintaining its underground mains, treatment works and storage stations.

Managing director Paul Butler said the firm had tried to keep its charges as low as possible, including deferring an extra £124m investment until April 2015.

He said: "We face serious challenges that require unprecedented, long-term levels of investment, not least to ensure we can supply the 25 per cent more homes and 300,000 new customers forecast with the same secure, high-quality water supply our existing customers – who are also using more water – receive."

# Minister's backing throws lifeline to UK's sea anglers

SEA anglers have won support from the Government in their battle against EU plans to limit the amount of fish they can catch.

Kent's boat charter companies, tackle shops and related businesses fear financial ruin if they are forced to abide by the same strict quotas proposed for commercial fishermen throughout the Continent.

Last week members of the European Parliament voted to amend Article 47 of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) so the limits no longer applied to recreational anglers. But the proposals still need to be approved by the European Commission.

UK fisheries minister Huw Irranca-Davies has since said he will support the country's sea anglers until the regulation is finalised.

Leon Roskilly of pressure group the Angling

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

Trust, from Rainham, said: "I'm immensely reassured the Government is backing us on the issue of Article 47, including the many businesses and coastal communities that rely upon visiting sea anglers for their livelihoods.

"The minister's position reflects the effort put in by the Angling Trust, clubs and individuals to alert Defra to the damage these proposals could do to a sector that is incredibly important to so many and which has minimal impact on fish stocks.

"That the Government is prepared to listen to our concerns gives every angler hope for the future. We look forward to a continued and robust defence of anglers' rights and freedoms against all unnecessary restrictions."

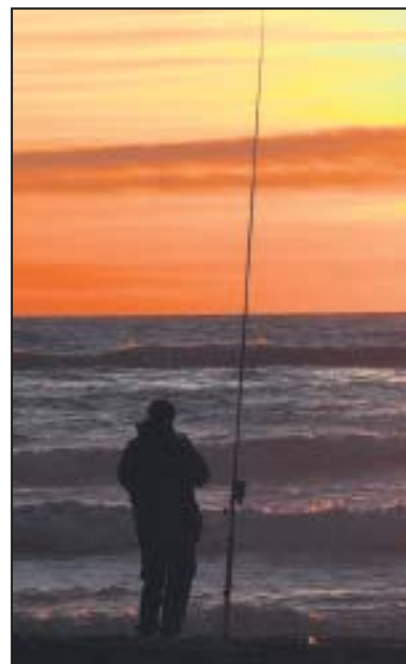
Article 47 in its original form would have required recreational fishermen to register their boats, with whatever they caught counted against the national fisheries quota.

Each country would also be required to decide what share of its quota to allocate to each species of fish. The plans were introduced as a way of clamping down on the over-fishing of certain species and halt a worrying decline in their numbers.

However, South East MEP Richard Ashworth, who lives in Folkestone, said he was confident sea anglers would be happy with the end result of the CFP consultation.

He said: "I am sorry that an amendment submitted by my colleagues to delete Article 47 was defeated in the fisheries committee.

"However, the fallback amendment that won majority support reassures me that recreational anglers have nothing to fear."



**WAVING NOT DROWNING:** Recreational anglers have won Government support over Article 47

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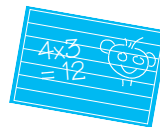
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The courses, which will be held from May to July, will be a chance for students and their parents or guardians to get to grips with literacy and mathematics in different and interesting ways.

The six new courses include active crime scene investigation and active film-making. In the first participants will be presented with a mocked-up crime scene with footprints, DNA and blood spatters, and it will be down to them to deduce who committed the deed.

In active filmmakers they will get the chance to write and shoot a short film.

A college spokesman said: "Other courses such as active ultimate yo-yo will teach you all the tricks to impress your friends."

Courses will run on Wednesdays from 6pm and Saturdays from 9am on May 6, 13, 20 and 29, June 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 27, and July 1, 4, 8 and 11.

### A tuneful goodbye

HIGHSTED Grammar School will host an event to mark the retirement of director of music Peter Richards after 27 years.

For his final concert at the school on Wednesday next week, the orchestra will perform the 1812 Overture by Tchaikovsky.

Its wind band will perform Chariots of Fire by Vangelis and Yesterday by Lennon and McCartney.

The Mayor of Swale Alan Willicombe is set to attend the event.

# Easy-pay idea is big business for budding entrepreneurs

■ BY LAURENCE MOZAFARI

A DRAGONS Den-style challenge saw six teams of year ten students pitch money-making ideas to a panel of business experts.

The winning team from Oakwood Park Grammar in Maidstone devised Easy-Pay, a bus fare system paid for via mobile phone.

The dragons included local business operators Mike Caridia, from pa-assist.com and Kevin Bush, from Remade southeast.

Mark Dance, Medway Council's cabinet member for education and Victoria Hadfield, from Swale's economic development unit, completed the panel.

The work of the teenagers was judged at Highsted Grammar School in Sittingbourne.

Mr Caridia said: "I saw both sets of work in the preliminary heats, however the improvement was remarkable. Especially on the financial side, as I had not had much time to go through the finances in great detail, overall a good job done."

The victorious team from Oakwood Park was presented with gift vouchers by the Mayor and Mayoress of Swale Alan and Jean Willicombe.

Ms Hadfield also praised the students work, saying: "They were all very enthusiastic and some of them even stayed over their lunch break to work on their business ideas."

The top three teams were also offered a trip to see the inner workings of the council.

The ideas from the runners up were a safe system and finders keeps, a key fob to help find lost keys. All the students developed their



**TALENTED:** Swale Mayor Alan Willicombe with some of the pupils, who are the business minds of the future

own ideas, including marketing plans and financial strategies at a Big Business Day a few weeks earlier.

The final event was staged in the evening and watched by the student's friends, family and teachers.

Marion Ward, business education advisor from Kent Works, who organised the event, said: "I am really pleased with the achievements of all the students."

"They should all be very proud of themselves and are a true credit to their schools."

Competition keeps everyone on their toes and is essential to success."

The six teams of three all came from Oakwood Park and Highsted schools.

Similar events are organised across the county by Kent Works. The Dragons Duel aims to teach students about the world of work by using the format of the BBC TV show.

The show sees budding entrepreneurs pledge a share of their business in return for funding and support from one of the five dragons, who run businesses in a variety of fields.

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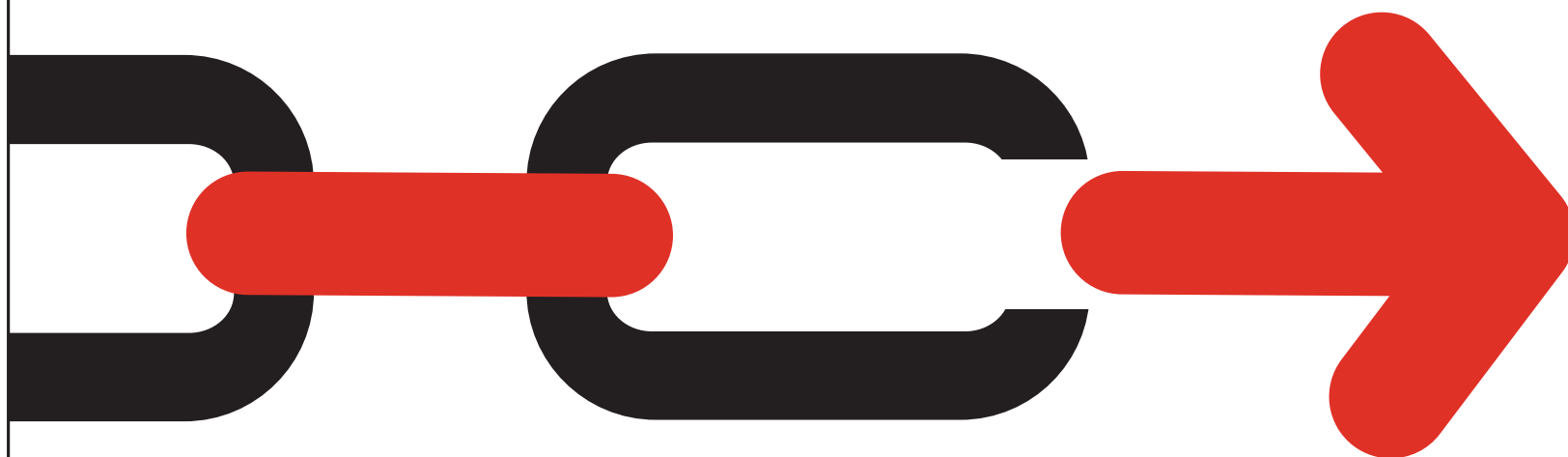
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## I wouldn't normally do this kind of thing for publicity

LAST week there was one of those stories doing the rounds which just cried out to be mocked.

It involved pop duo the Pet Shop Boys. Now, they in themselves are not to be mocked. They were once kings of the three-minute pop record, scorching up the charts to its very peak while nabbing awards by the hatful.

Today, both band members are rather older and wiser. They still churn out a decent tune, they just don't bank on top ten hits anymore.

A handful of days ago they received a request from animal rights group Peta to change their name.

They objected to them being called Pet Shop Boys and asked them to change it to Rescue Shelter Boys.

No. This was not April 1. And no, this was apparently quite genuine.

Some pet shops, says Peta, are a bit iffy when it comes to the way they treat animals...

and, as a result, the band's connotation with such traders may need some serious consideration.

The band politely refused while saying it "raises an issue worth thinking about". They are nothing if not well mannered.

They also probably know not to be stupid enough to publicly slate an animal rights group. If they did, the West End Girls (and boys, no doubt) would be round armed with record cases full of human excrement to push through their 80s pop paid-for letterbox.

Knocking animal rights extremists is akin to knocking Muslim extremists. It is only to be done with caution.

But the band were quite right. It does raise some interesting points.

I wonder if vegetarians should perhaps consider writing some strongly worded letters to people whose surname is 'Butcher' and asking them to change it to 'Ethnically reared and humanely slaughtered'.

Or perhaps the anti-hand guns lot could

write a fiercely worded letter to those whose surnames are 'Gunn' suggesting they change it to something a little less, well, aggressive.

Or, I suppose, it could just be a rather silly publicity stunt.

A story daft enough to hit the headlines... raising the profile of the Pet Shop Boys (new album in shops now... tickets for tour still available) and Peta (struggling against loony brigade who ruin the pro-animal argument and keen to reach the 35-45 brigade and win over the middle classes... most of whom probably hold the Pet Shop Boys in high regard).

But that would be a bit rubbish wouldn't it? That would make Peta and the Pet Shop Boys both look a bit silly.

And surely they wouldn't want that?

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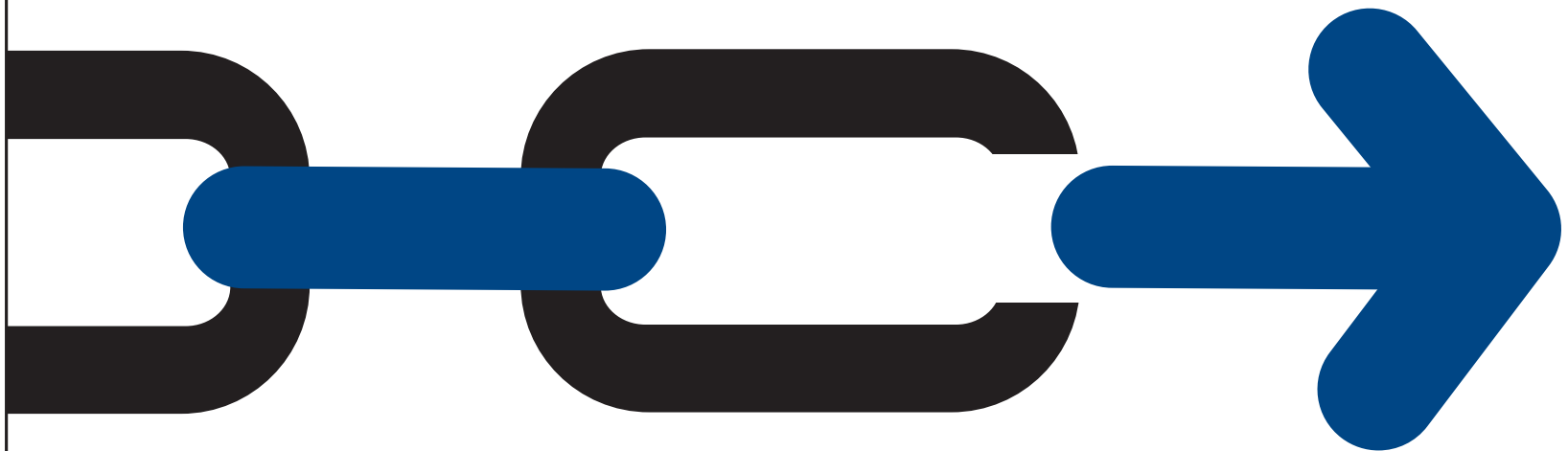
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Revd David Mackenzie Mills is the new Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral. He replaces the Revd Jeremy Frost who recently became Chaplain to the Greenwich Foundation



#### How did you get involved in the church?

From the age of eight, I sang as a chorister at St Mary's Collegiate Church in my home town of Warwick, before moving to Bristol to read music at university. I subsequently studied in Durham in preparation for my ordination in the diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. I have been chaplain at Trinity College, Cambridge for the last five years.

#### What are your first impressions of Canterbury?

Throughout the process of my appointment, I have been consistently struck by the warmth of welcome that I have received from everyone in the cathedral. It will be a real pleasure to live in Canterbury, contributing to the cathedral's integrated role within the city and among the worldwide church and joining them in the cathedral's vision to show people Jesus.

#### What are you particularly looking forward to when you start in August?

The number and variety of services at the cathedral gets more complex by the year and I look forward to helping organise worship for the many thousands of pilgrims who visit the cathedral each year.

#### What do you do in your spare time?

In my spare time, I enjoy teaching the art of baking bread and I am also keen amateur canoeist. I also hope one day to learn to fly.

## YOUR LETTERS

### We must look out for wasted money

May I please comment on the article in Yourswale on April 1 on Kent County Council's involvement with Icelandic banks?

The Audit Commission was absolutely right to state 'seven local authorities (including KCC) negligently deposited money after credit ratings for Icelandic banks were downgraded below acceptable levels'.

It also states that 'a small group of authorities has been negligent in their stewardship of public funds...the consequence of this lack of caution has been the potential loss of large sums of public money'.

For the Tory leader to go on national television and say it was a minor error by a junior officer, who neglected to open the warning e-mail about the Icelandic banks, just beggars belief.

It shows absolute arrogance and disdain for council taxpayers for the Tory leadership of KCC not to accept some responsibility for a further £8.3 million out of some £50 million being placed on deposit with the Icelandic banks, when these urgent warnings had already been given – hardly a minor error.

Another example of the disdain for the people of Kent by the Tory administration at Maidstone is its insistence on ploughing huge levels of funding into Kent TV – £400,000 for this current year.

At the budget meeting the Labour group proposed to use



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this amount for adult education, but the amendment was defeated by the Tory majority.

With the lion's share of council tax being levied by KCC, we residents must be vigilant in our scrutiny of how our money is

spent (or lost) by this Tory administration.

Rest assured, Labour will continue to do so.

**Trevor Payne,**  
Chair of Faversham & Swale East  
Labour Party



### Upgrade is not a moment too soon

Thank goodness Faversham station is finally to get an overhaul. The place has been desperately in need of it.

However, I still believe too much is being made of the high-speed link to St Pancras. Yes, it will be useful to have a direct route to north London – but it will come at added cost.

But if it means we get the station upgraded, I guess us humble Cannon Street commuters will benefit too.

**Garry Townsend**  
By email

### Please join me and run for the children

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next week to help raise money for The Children's Trust, the official charity of this year's event.

The trust, which is also celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2009, is aiming to raise in excess of £1 million in sponsorship by recruiting 1,000 runners to its team.

To date, over 600 people have signed-up but more runners, who have secured their own place in the marathon, are needed to achieve the target of 1,000.

To those of you who have not decided on which charity to support, please join me, and the trust's team, in our bid to change the lives of disabled children and their families.

The Children's Trust provides specialist care for some of the UK's most severely disabled children, including children with an acquired brain injury sustained as a result of an accident or serious illness.

Each year over 5,000 children suffer an acquired brain injury but most do not have access to the help available at The Children's Trust.

The money raised will enable the trust to help many more children and families by developing services in the community, including the recruitment and training of more therapists.

Please join me to help make a difference to some very special children. To find out more – or to make a donation – please visit: [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/london](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk/london) marathon or call 01737 365018.

**Jenni Falconer;**  
TV presenter on behalf of  
The Children's Trust, by email.

## Today's choices affect tomorrow's health

A recent survey has revealed that many of us still do not know how our lifestyle affects our chances of developing cancer later in life.

This is why I am writing to let people in the area know that there is actually strong scientific evidence that people can make a real difference to their cancer risk by making relatively simple changes.

In fact, World Cancer Research Fund estimates that about a third of the most common cancers in the UK could be prevented through eating healthily, being physically active and maintaining a healthy weight.

If your readers want to find out more about how they can reduce their cancer risk, they can visit our website at [www.wcrf-uk.org](http://www.wcrf-uk.org).

**Lisa Cooney**  
Head of Education  
World Cancer Research Fund

## Regulators are not independent enough

Systemic failure is the "get-out phrase" trotted out when government and its proxies, including NHS, social services, etc are found guilty of catastrophic negligence or failures of duty to the public.

So-called independent regulators,

eg healthcare commission heads, ex-civil service and audit commission heads are ex-local authority accountants or chief executives, so how impartial or relevant are they to rigorous forensic controls in favour of the public?

In essence we cannot rely on the same mindsets that created the problems to resolve them, when they have no commitment except to safeguard their position, and carry on as usual ie keep bashing the taxpayer.

Taxpayers are bearing the crushing losses of gross incompetence and inefficiency inside government and the finance sector, even when the culprits retain their ill-gotten gains with the blessing of dishonourable committees and worthless chairmen of boards.

Quango-kings and queens of commissions like the above-mentioned lack any accountability to tax-payers.

They have allowed whistleblowers in the NHS and in council employ to be harassed, embarrassed and driven out of their jobs by the bosses who have much to lose and therefore endeavour to neutralise complaints about themselves or the department/organisation concerned.

Their careers depend on loyalty to the prevailing ideology of whoever is their paymaster (government or whoever), not skills, expertise or specific talents.

**Rita Grootendorst**  
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## Sellindge festival lines up some super acts

SELLINDGE Festival is starting to take shape, with more than 50 top bands, DJs and stand-up comics added to the three-day summer event's line-up.

The main draws – fittingly assigned to the main stage – include the headlining act, indie heavyweights Supergrass, supported by rising stars The Holloways, Young Knives and Red Light Company.

If turntables are more to your musical taste,

■ BY SIMON ROBINSON

the HeadRoc Arena will be graced by DJs Brandon Block, Micky Slim and Eddy Temple-Morris, among others. Comedy is also supplied with Adam Bloom, Hal Cruttenden and Sally-Anne Hayward set to take to mic.

Alas, the full line-up, even as it stands, is too large for us to print in full. What we can offer is the following clever acrostic using the words 'Sellindge Festival'. It is marred slightly by the festival organisers' refusal to book any band, DJ

or otherwise beginning with the letter 'G' but nobody's perfect. Enjoy:

- Supergrass
- Eddy Temple-Morris
- Lucy and the Caterpillar
- Los Salvadores
- Illegitimate Sons of the King
- Nic Bennett
- Danny Reject
- Quirk BurGlars
- Everybody Be Cool
- Far From the Dance
- Emmy the Great
- Spooka
- Tubelord
- Ian Dunne
- Video Nasties
- Adam Bloom and • Lotte Mullan

Festival bosses are set to announce more acts in the coming weeks.

Organiser Benjamin Wells said: "The week-end will see artists perform in multiple event areas, including the Main Stage, Acoustic Stage, Comedy Tent, and Dance Tent."

"BBC Kent Introducing will also be showcasing the county's most up and coming bands, alongside NorthSouthDivide, who are bringing the freshest talent from London and Manchester to Sellindge."

"SMF" can accommodate more than 20,000 festival-goers, who will see performances from more than 100 artists and DJs, be able to browse the many trade-stalls, enjoy the rides in the fair-ground, helicopter tours, and check out the art exhibition put on by the Folkestone Artists Cooperative."

For more information visit [www.sellindge-musicfestival.co.uk](http://www.sellindge-musicfestival.co.uk).



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KOS Media, in association with the festival, are offering readers the chance to win two pairs of weekend tickets to this summer's most exciting Kent festival – and free helicopter tours once you're there!

The event takes place on June 5-7 and is rapidly taking shape as the place to kick-start the summer.

Situated within beautiful countryside between Ashford and Folkestone on Hope Farm, the festival site is just moments from the M20, and near both bus and train stations.

The event is spread over five stages, offering three days of musical diversity from both established and hotly-tipped acts.

Organisers announced back in February that legendary rockers Supergrass headline the event, which went ahead for the first time last year. Since then an incredible line-up has been emerging, with a range of musical diversity being promised, including announcements of Young Knives and The Holloways to play the main stage.

Radio 1 favourites Red Light Company, whose debut album charted at number 13 in March, are set to take to the stage on the Sunday, and join a bill that includes the NME's new music stars Marina and the Diamonds and Thomas Tantrum, as well as their tips for 2009.

Away from the main stage, the HeadRoc arena – a collaboration of two of Kent's most successful dance nights, Evissa and Basslick – will play host to some of the biggest names in dance including Cut La



**ALRIGHT:** Legends Supergrass will be headlining at Sellindge Music Festival this year

Roc and Eddy Temple-Morris.

Elsewhere, the acoustic stage will be headlined by top 20 album band Ben's Brother, topping a bill that includes London singer-songwriter Emmy the Great and rising stars Rhys Morgan and Alex Cornish.

BBC Kent Introducing, which hosted a packed tent at last year's festival, will be making an exclusive return, showcasing the best up and coming music from the county.

Aside from the music, the festival will feature stand-up comedians, art

exhibitions and of course, helicopter tours for everyone who's always wondered what a festival looks like from above. Rides on the helicopter can be paid for by anyone at the event, but you can go for free if you win our competition.

Simply answer the question and send your entry on a postcard along with your email (if applicable), name, address, and daytime telephone number to Sellindge Music Festival Comp, KOS Media, Apple Barn, Smeeth, Ashford, TN25 6SR. The closing date is April 21, 2009.

**Question: Which band, whose hits include Caught by the Fuzz, are headlining Sellindge Music Festival?**

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## Brian Blessed makes a noise about music

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LEARN about music in the company of a legend with the special family concert, Crash Bang Wallop!

Respected stage and screen actor Brian Blessed will be introducing young people and their families to the world of the orchestra at the Central Theatre next week, with the help of the City of London Sinfonia.

This weekend, there will be hands-on workshops at the Brook Theatre in which the whole family can learn about the instruments with the Sinfonia's professional musicians.

During the event on April 26, Blessed will lead some interactive musical activities in which the audience will be encouraged to participate before he acts as narrator during the hour-long concert.

This entertaining afternoon will feature a rousing rendition of Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide To The Orchestra, during which Blessed hopes to enthuse his audience about the music which has inspired him throughout his extraordinary life.

This will be the first such event held at the Central Theatre, but Blessed has worked as a narrator with many audiences during his long career, including the London Symphony Orchestra, The Bolshoi Symphony Orchestra and the BBC Concert Orchestra.

His booming voice, larger-than-life personality and perfect elocution make him the ideal choice to guide audiences through a musical piece, while the musicians work their magic alongside him. It is the first time he has worked with the City of London Sinfonia, who approached him because they were specifically looking for somebody who could relate to audiences of all ages.

Blessed has vivid memories of his own first experience of seeing a live orchestra perform at Sheffield Town Hall when he was just 10. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra gave a fantastic rendition of the 1812 Overture,



**ENTHUSIASTIC:** Brian Blessed is aiming to inspire young people as he was once inspired

complete with cannons and fireworks, and the experience had a lasting effect on the budding young actor. Now he is keen to pass on his love for music to other people.

"It's not po-faced. People like Britten and Tchaikovsky wrote this kind of music for people," Blessed said. "It's vital and organic and real and not dull."

"To a certain extent, one needs to remove the word 'classical'. This concert will be real with a capital R and classical with a soft C."

The musical workshops will be held at the Brook Theatre from 11am to 1pm and from 2pm to 4pm on Sunday. Contact the box office for ticket information.

The Central Theatre will host the Crash Bang Wallop! family concert at 3pm on Sunday, April 26. Tickets cost £14 for adults and £9 for children. To book, call the box office on 01634 338338, or visit the website at [www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking](http://www.medway.gov.uk/theatrebooking).



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## ROBIN INCE

Friday, April 17  
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ROBIN Ince questions the wisdom of the self-proclaimed moral majority in his stand-up show, *Bleeding Heart Liberal*.

Ince's career has taken some unexpected turns, transforming him from an outraged political comic to someone who introduces internet clips for Richard and Judy. Can he justify this change of direction and has he swung towards the right wing since becoming a father?

Guantanamo Bay, Charles Darwin, meetings with crazed fundamentalists and a television fight with Vanessa Feltz all come under the spotlight as Ince ponders his new situation in life.

Ince makes regular appearances on TV and radio comedy shows and has supported Ricky Gervais on two tours. The music obsessive wrote and presented the one-off documentary *How Robin Ince Got His Groove Back* for Radio 4, following the loss of his huge record collection in a sewage flood.

He is also a script consultant and writer on Channel 4's hit teen comedy drama *Skins*.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £14/£10. Book at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk) or call the box office on 01227 769075.



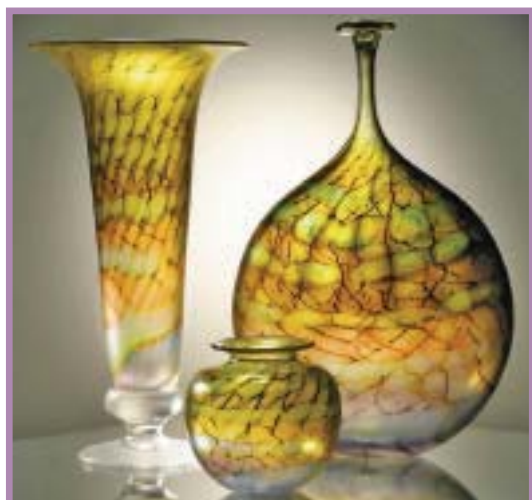
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launched on Monday and this show will give people the chance to experience their musical world. For more about the band see [www.myspace.com/sonsofnoelandadrian](http://www.myspace.com/sonsofnoelandadrian).

Support will be provided by Shoreline, a nine-piece ensemble that takes a refreshing look at new folk.

The concert, presented by Twilight Folk Club, starts at 8pm and admission costs £5, call 01227 760801.

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### Celtic traditions are weaved through sound

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■ BY NIGEL WILLIAMS

"A NIGHT at the opera for the masses" was the dismissive comment of a friend when he learned we were off to Verona.

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But what a night. As the sky darkened and the moon rose, thousands in the audience lit candles which glinted and danced like fireflies.

We had chosen Verdi's Aida, which has been packing them in at the Arena di Verona since it was chosen for the inaugural production at the first annual opera festival there in 1913.

## Masses to entertain discerning visitors

Even if you know nothing about opera, you'll be swept up in the passion and spectacle.

We were in the gradinata – cheap, unreserved seats – on the stone steps high above the stage. It's not a climb for the infirm and the acoustics may suffer at this distance, but the bird's eye view you get makes up for it.

It's essential to hire a cushion (three euros) when you go in as the unforgiving limestone radiates the heat stored in the day, making for an uncomfortable perch.

Streaming out with the crowds well after midnight, we found ourselves in a city pulsing with life. Restaurants were taking orders, bars

were packed, the streets thronged with people.

Verona is compact, with the River Adige winding through it, making it easy to see on foot. It boasts many attractions: Roman ruins, renaissance architecture, churches with statues and frescoes, stylish shops, intriguing side streets and busy restaurants.

If you love art and the ambience of an Italian city, then it's difficult to think of anywhere better for a weekend break.

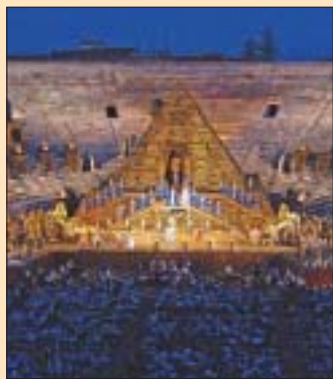
We found it easy to get around the main landmarks on foot, though it pays to make an early start in the baking heat of summer, and we took frequent breaks for chilled drinks or a

delicious, refreshing cup of fresh fruit from a market stall. Fountains are sprinkled throughout the old city, ideal for filling a water bottle or just quenching your thirst.

If you're in the mood, it's worth climbing the 275-foot Lamberti tower for views out over the city's terracotta roofs and river bridges to the surrounding hills with their cypress trees.

We set aside one day for a trip to Lake Garda, just 20 minutes away by train. You can't expect to see much of the largest of the lakes in that time, but it's enough for a taste.

Returning to Verona it capped a truly wonderful break.



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### Travel details

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## YOUR TV REVIEW



**TEENAGE KICKS:** E4's *The Inbetweeners* follows the trials and tribulations of four sixth form boys

SETTING tongues wagging among the under-30s is *The Inbetweeners* on E4, which has slowly catapulted its way into the national consciousness.

Fast building up a reputation as must-see TV, it's hard to avoid people telling each other how great it is.

This seems to have captured the imagination of everyone who can remember being a bit geeky and trapped in the confusion of a secondary school sixth form, not quite knowing what you wanted out of life.

The show follows the exploits of four teenage boys who desperately want to be popular, but can't quite pull it off, no matter how hard they try.

Series two and the perils of learning to drive, cheap booze, fancying your friend's mum and getting into bed with fit girls have all been dealt with astutely so far.

It's the scrapes the leads get into while attempting to fulfil their ambitions from the depths of middle class suburbia that provide the best moments though.

The punching a fish to death scrape, hitting people in wheelchairs with Frisbees and avoiding the wrath and attentions of school hard man

■ BY TOM BETTS

**THE INBETWEENERS**  
E4, 10pm, Thursday

Mark Donovan have provided real belly laughs, even if you are cringing somewhat while they go on.

The trick the makers of this show have pulled off is tapping into the mindset of everyone who remembers what it's like to not be the most popular kid in school; less than stellar in social situations; and prone to saying the wrong thing at the wrong time.

This is about the people who cannot quite claim to be geeks, but are never really going to pull themselves much higher up the social chain with people they meet. I suspect it encapsulates the feelings of many of us who can identify with their plight.

This is good because unlike *Skins* – the show which it has replaced in the schedules – it checks that sense of trying to be too cool at the door.

The characters are likeable too, rather than being the kind of spoilt *Skins* brats you want to drown in a pool of their own tears.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**TALKING** about your feelings will be more productive than you think. You may not realise it, but a loved one needs to hear that you love them. Actions don't always speak louder than words. An unexpected money-making opportunity could be offered to you.

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**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**A DESIRE** for intellectual stimulation could prompt you to go back to school. Taking a trip overseas is another option. The important thing is to expand your horizons. Although you usually enjoy familiar routines, you have been feeling the effects of a predictable schedule.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**PEOPLE** respond to your ability to put complex concepts in comprehensible language. Don't be surprised if you're offered some lucrative freelance work as a result. Your mind-body connection is especially strong this week. That's why it's important to avoid stressful situations.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**TALKS** with a business or romantic partner prove productive. This is a wonderful opportunity to resolve your resentments. If you've developed a crush on someone special, ask for a date. It's virtually impossible to resist your charms. Starting a family is a distinct possibility.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**CONFIDENTIAL** information gives you an edge on the competition. Knowing someone has an interest in you helps you take advantage of the situation. Getting favours from a person in power will give you a chance to recoup a recent loss. If a new job opportunity opens up pursue it.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**LEGAL** discussions go well. Don't be surprised if you're given a generous settlement. If you're in the middle of a dispute, move to wrap things up as quickly as possible. Keep your eyes open for a masterful expert with an electric personality. The two of you will generate lots of chemistry.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**A SURPRISING** revelation releases you from a restrictive relationship. All of a sudden the prospect of leaving this situation isn't so scary. Take this opportunity to expand your social network. Having supportive friends will fill the void. A money-making idea is worth pursuing.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**GOING** on a long-distance trip will put you in touch with dynamic people. Being in their company could give you a new lease on life. You have to admit, life has become a little dull. Spending time with imaginative people will put you back in touch with a buried desire.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**IF** you're aiming to buy a house or lease an apartment, this would be a good time to do so. You can probably negotiate a better rate than the one that is initially offered. If you're looking for work, you could find it at a place of worship, wine shop, or fashion house.

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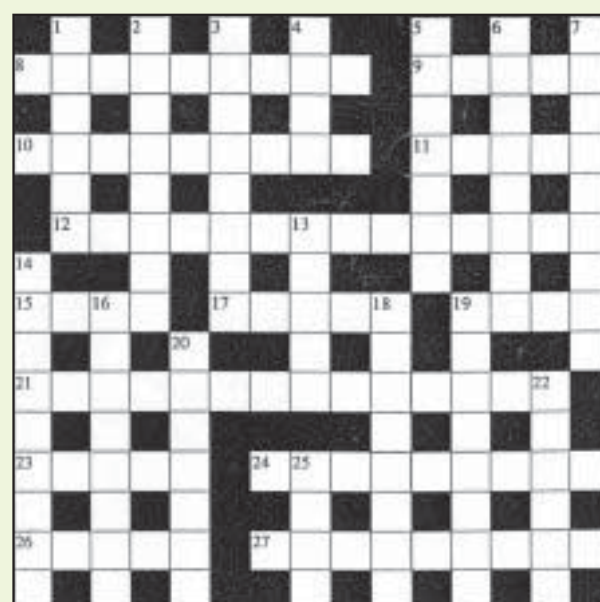
### ACROSS

- 8 To the point of being saucy in tangled net! (9)  
9 Lecherous sailors inside giving call without one (5)  
10 State as a condition lest I put a variation (9)  
11 Possession, a second TV (5)  
12 New rendering not authorised (7, 7)  
15 Lug Penny first to conference perhaps (4)  
17 Bike was blue (5)  
19 Bewilder for a week, say, possibly (4)  
21 Seizing ignition squire damaged (14)  
23 Brown bread (5)  
24 How articulated lorry might double up? (9)  
26 Princess hurried with ease, we hear (5)  
27 It is not easy for one to get off at night (9)

### DOWN

- 1 Mock good man inside, the clown (6)  
2 Provost arranged, going round the Orient, break in his journey (8)  
3 Personification of America relatively speaking (5,3)  
4 During campaign attacked bloodsucker (4)  
5 Henrietta not in new playhouse (7)  
6 Plant scarab is destroying (8)  
7 Onlooker, heartless boy, one on his feet (9)  
13 Bus garage storage area (5)  
14 Motorist carries this, but it's not healthy (5,4)  
16 Introduce a whimsical Tory inside (8)  
18 Round it may be turned in order to gain access (8)  
19 Inventing something initially excluded, it's condescending (8)  
20 Four pairs of braces (7)  
22 Laugh loudly at joker coming up round bend very loudly (6)  
25 Lady has gold book (4)

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### ACROSS

- 8 Cash paid to keep quiet (4,5)  
9 Waterway (5)  
10 Lookout platform (5-4)  
11 Meal cooked out of doors (abbrev.) (3-1-1)  
12 60th anniversary (7,7)  
15 The Eternal City (4)  
17 Royal (5)  
19 Stupid person (4)  
21 Of heart and blood-vessels (14)  
23 Quick (5)  
24 Meddlesome (9)  
26 Accurate (5)  
27 Working animal (9)

### DOWN

- 1 Rotten (6)  
2 Cabinet (8)  
3 Heavy rain (8)  
4 Curved glass (4)  
5 Child who complains a lot (7)  
6 Flood (8)  
7 Fried cake (9)  
13 Tenet (5)  
14 Stewed dish in a thick white sauce (9)  
16 Almond paste (8)  
18 Slash (8)  
19 Discuss business (4,4)  
20 Read out (7)  
22 Edit (6)  
25 Ark builder (4)

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Exact 27 Carthorse. DOWN: 1 Purit 2  
Cardiowascular 23 Swift 24 Intrusive 26  
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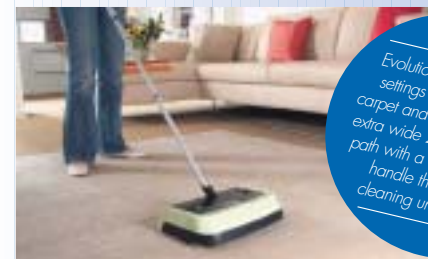

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# Zac graduates from High School with new movie

■ BY KATE WHITING

GLOBAL heartthrob Zac Efron is at a crossroads. The 21-year-old star of the mega-hit High School Musical films is preparing to fly the Disney nest with the first of his post-HSM movies and you can sense he's slightly nervous.

For a start, he's shattered. The actor has been jetting all over the world, posing for pictures with fans to promote the release of 17 Again and today he's got that bed-ruffled look, as though he's just woken up.

"I just fell asleep for 20 minutes, I'm barely awake!" he says sheepishly when we meet in a discreet London hotel.

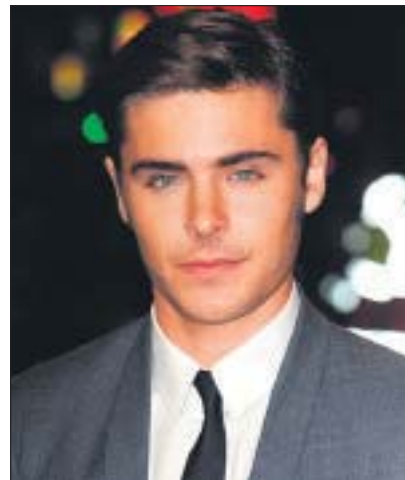
He takes a few moments to choose where he wants to sit – plumping for a chair that's disarmingly close – and then turns those doey Disney eyes on me. With his carefully tousled hair and charming but laid-back attitude, I'm starting to understand why an army of teenage girls queued in Leicester Square since 5am for his film's premiere.

"I felt so bad, somebody told me that there were girls in the queue and I thought they were just going to get rained on," he says, with genuine concern.

17 Again, a new spin on the age swap comedy, begins with Zac back at a high school as star basketball player Mike O'Donnell. So far, so High School Musical.

But that's where the similarities end. Moments before the biggest game of his life in front of college scouts, Mike's girlfriend tells him she's pregnant and he runs off court to propose.

Cut to 20 years later, when Mike, now played by a saggy-eyed Matthew Perry, is in a dead-



FLYING THE DISNEY NEST: 17 Again star Zac Efron

end job, doesn't understand his teenage kids and is getting divorced from his childhood sweetheart Scarlet (Leslie Mann).

Mike goes back to his old school to see his children and meets a janitor who magically transforms him into his 17-year-old self. Enter Zac, now playing a 37-year-old, who goes back to school to try and reconnect with his kids.

Zac assures me this was the most "different" role of all the offers that have been flooding in since the HSM franchise became Disney gold.

"Everything else that was around was either a musical or a high school romance, you know, and this was actually the biggest risk and the biggest challenge.

"I can relate to playing a kid – I've had a first kiss, I've had awkward dates, I've had fights with my parents... But one thing I've never

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done is gotten into a fight with my teenage daughter," he jokes.

Adam Shankman, who directed Zac in the hit 2007 musical Hairspray, first approached him with the idea, but Zac admits he had his doubts.

"My first question for Adam was 'hasn't it been done before?' But after I read the script, I recognised that his reason for going back is much more interesting than ever before."

His next project is an adaptation of Ben Sherwood's novel The Death And Life Of Charlie St Cloud, with Zac's character billed as a 'cemetery caretaker who communes with his dead brother'.

"The logline sounds grim, I don't know how that story came out, but it's a marvellous story."

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Private rental sector in sales turnaround

LANDLORDS are buying more properties than they are selling for the first time in two years, according to the Association of Residential Letting Agents (Arla).

In its members' survey of the private rented sector for the first quarter of 2009, more than double the number of agents reported landlords were buying properties than in the previous three months.

Arla says this confidence has arisen despite members reporting an excess of properties in the rental market – a result of so-called reluctant landlords who enter the lettings market due to difficulty selling their home.

Ian Potter, operations manager of Arla, said: "The data shows there are property bargains to be had at the moment for those with a keen eye.

"This substantiates our belief that buy-to-let remains a viable long-term investment."

### Review your insurance policy and save money

WEBSITE Confused.com has estimated homeowners are overpaying on insurance to the tune of £1.3 billion a year.

But the same people are stringently ensuring they get the best deal when it comes to motor insurance.

Researchers found that just seven per cent of motor customers, who were also homeowners, checked to see if they could find a better deal online for their home insurance – leaving 93 per cent who did not compare home insurance online.

Darren Black, head of home insurance at Confused.com, said: "Almost 44 per cent of UK homeowners have not reviewed their home insurance policies in the last five years. Yet 65 per cent of motorists say they have used comparison sites to ensure they get the right deal for their car insurance."

### RoSPA's advice on DIY

HOMEOWNERS planning DIY projects this spring have been given a safety warning by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

The society says many DIY jobs are too ambitious and badly prepared. Tools should be in good condition, correct for the job and unplugged before cleaning.

A RoSPA official said reading instructions before starting work and wearing safety gear was essential.

Children and pets should also be kept away from where you work and products kept in their original containers.



**LOVELY VIEW:** But with thefts from country properties on the rise as the effects of the economic slowdown rumble on, who else has their eye on your rural idyll?

# Countryside crime wave worry as recession bites

■ BY NICK AMES

A RURAL insurer has identified a worrying trend for country dwellers – a 14.7 per cent rise in thefts from countryside homes in 2008.

NFU Mutual has found among the increase what it calls a "nationwide epidemic of thefts from domestic central heating oil tanks".

Now the company is urging rural homeowners to review security measures, a concern they say shared by police.

Tim Price, a spokesman for NFU Mutual, said: "There is widespread concern in the countryside the recession will lead to a crime wave.

"We have seen sharp increases in rural crime in previous economic downturns and are concerned these worrying figures could mark the first evidence of a new rural crime wave."

Violent crime is up too.

Figures recently gathered under the Freedom of Information Act showed almost two thirds of the police forces surveyed in

England and Wales showed a rise in robberies in the past three months, compared with the same period in the previous year.

All 43 police forces in England and Wales were asked to provide figures for robbery. Of the 32 that replied, 19 forces saw a rise, of which 13 were in rural areas.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith has also embarked on a "burglary summit" for England and Wales.

Mr Price added: "If opportunist thieves see gates, floodlights and possible CCTV cameras, there's a good chance they will keep going in search of easier pickings elsewhere.

"On the home itself, decent locks on doors and windows and a burglar alarm are also effective deterrents."

NFU Mutual recommends the following home safety tips:

- Install an alarm system and use an installer certified by a recognised approval body.
- Fit and use insurance-approved security

locks to all perimeter doors.

- Fit and use window security locks on ground floor windows and accessible first floor windows.

- Use SmartWater to mark valuable possessions.

- Fit security heavy-duty padlocks to garages and other outbuildings.

- Don't leave valuables on view.

- Secure ladders and tools out of sight.

- Deter thieves from entering your property by installing and using lockable gates and by maintaining boundaries and perimeter fencing.

- Plant shrubs or install fences to hide exposed domestic heating oil tanks from the eyes of opportunist thieves.

- Consider re-siting easily accessible tanks to an area or building where they are better protected.

- Note suspicious vehicles' registration numbers and report them to the police.

- Keep large sums of cash or jewellery in a suitably safe place.

- Install outside security lighting.

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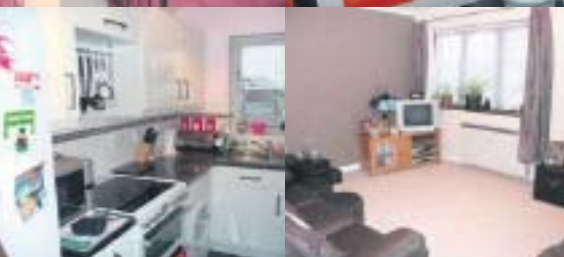
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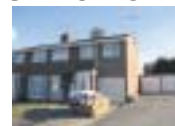
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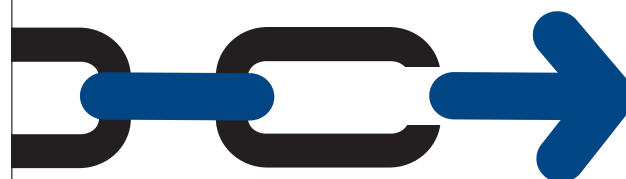


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### Recession-busting deals on offer at Motorline

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The three-year/no deposit deals with free payment protection insurance – should buyers lose their job or be unable to work through sickness – are most tempting on the newly launched Mégane Hatch, Mégane Coupé (pictured) and Laguna Coupé, but also apply to other car and van ranges from the French brand, lauded for its diesel engines.



### Third generation Verso is leaner and meaner...

TOYOTA launches a third generation Verso midi-MPV at the weekend, capable of carrying seven more stylishly than before.

It also benefits from Toyota's new Optimal Drive powertrain technology, boosting the torque or punch of the engines by up to 20 per cent while improving emissions and economy by as much as 12 per cent.

The car gains a maximum NCAP five stars for safety, while the versatile Easy Flat-7 seat system is said to be easier to operate than before, with more boot area.



### ...and Zoom Zoom MX-5 range gets greener too

MAZDA has given its MX-5 sports car icon a green facelift for the new open-top driving season.

Fuel economy has been boosted by up to eight per cent to 40mpg, while CO2 emissions are down by up to seven per cent.

There is also now an auto gearbox option with Formula 1-style steering wheel paddle shifts. Minor cosmetics have been re-worked, with prices starting from £16,340 for the classic fabric roof models, while the all-season folding hard-top Roadster Coupé ranges from £18,345.



**MODERN STYLE ICON:** The Mini Cooper D accounts for half of Mini hatchback sales at Broad Oak Mini at Ashford and Canterbury while most Clubman deals are also diesel engines

# Recession turns a style icon into thrifty option

NO sooner was the 'R-word' uttered officially than 'D' replaced 'S' as the number one consonant at BMW Mini dealerships.

For the Cooper D (from £14,785) or diesel is more suited to the recession than the scorching petrol power of the Cooper S performance flagship.

Broad Oak Mini of Ashford and Canterbury, which loaned our test car, says Cooper Ds account for half of Mini hatchback sales while most Clubman (estate) deals are diesel.

Sales manager Juliet Foreman said: "The first thing customers talk about now is running costs rather than the huge combination of colours and accessories we can supply – they are still important, of course, but keeping costs down is our customers' priority."

It helps the Mini's strength as a style icon is backed by thrifty benefits: most models qualify for a maximum road tax of no more than £145 a year, depreciation is glacial – the Cooper D is the UK's slowest on that front – and the TLC servicing packages save bundles of cash.

The new Mark II range also gained BMW's

## ROAD TEST MINI COOPER D

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
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Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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No wonder then the Cooper D averages more than 70mpg and low emissions (104gm/km of CO2) incur road tax of just £35/year.

But does this 'Recession Special' take the fun out of what was the number one style icon?

No. The diesel can be gruff when cold, but soon warms and delivers lots of pulling power – 0-62mph in under 10 seconds is respectable – to make the Mini D as much fun as its petrol sisters.

Handling matches high standards already set and the interior is, naturally, untouched by engine choice; big trademark centre-mounted speedo – there is a digital repeater dead ahead of the driver on the rev counter – flick switches above and below and oodles of classy retro chic.

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2005	55	Astra Club E/T	1.6	5	Breeze blue	18,650	£6,295	2007	57	Astra VXR	2.0	3	Arden blue	12,000	£14,495
2007	07	Astra Design S/hatch (panoramic roof)	1.6	3	Flame red	14,050	£9,495	2008	08	Astra Sxi	1.4	5	Metro blue	10,000	£9,295
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	£9,495	2008	58	Astra Sri Sports hatch	1.6	3	Silver lightening	TBA	£10,995
2007	57	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	£8,995	2008	58	Astra Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	TBA	£9,995
2007	57	Astra Sport Twin Top	1.8	2	Star silver	14,650	£11,995	2008	58	Astra Sxi	1.6	5	Black sapphire	TBA	£10,995
2008	57	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Star silver	17,300	£9,495	2006	56	Meriva Breeze	1.6	5	Star silver	21,000	£6,495
2008	08	Astra Club Auto	1.8	5	Star silver	3,460	£10,895	2003	53*	Vectra Club	1.8	5	Moonland	42,000	£3,795
2008	08	Astra Breeze Plus Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	5,800	£10,795	2004	04	Vectra Sri Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	48,000	£4,995
2008	58	Astra Breeze Sports hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	3,100	£10,795	2005	05	Zafira Design CDTi (120)	1.9D	5	Silver lightening	55,000	£7,350
2008	58	Astra Sports hatch Sxi	1.4	3	Star silver	2,810	£10,795	2004	54*	Kia Picanto	1.1	5	Blue	41,000	£3,295
<b>VECTRA</b>								<b>PRE-REG VEHICLES</b>							
2008	57	Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto	1.9D	5	Ultra blue	5,870	£10,995	2008	58	Corsavan	1.3 CDTi		White	Delivery	£6,995+VAT
<b>ANTARA</b>								2008	58	Astravan Sportive	1.7D		Silver	Delivery	10,995+VAT
2008	08	Antara S CDTi Auto	2.0	5	Slate blue	5,350	£15,995	2007	57	Combo	1.3 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
<b>MERIVA</b>								2008	58	Combo	1.7 CDTi		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2006	06	Meriva Active E/T	1.6	5	Silver lightening	26,500	£6,395	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		White	Delivery	£10,795+VAT
2006	06	Meriva Design	1.6	5	Star silver	17,500	£6,695	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	£10,995+VAT
2008	08	Meriva Breeze	1.4	5	Black sapphire	12,500	£8,495	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Black	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
2008	08	Meriva Life A/c	1.4	5	Black sapphire	3,790	£7,995	2008	58	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Black	Delivery	£12,495+VAT
<b>ZAFIRA</b>								2008	58	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Black	Delivery	£13,995+VAT
2005	05	Zafira Life	1.8	5	Ultra blue	38,250	£5,995	2008	58	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Silver	Delivery	£13,995+VAT
2005	55	Zafira Active	1.8	5	Silver lightening	27,200	£6,495	2008	58	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		Ink Blue	Delivery	£11,995+VAT
2006	06	Zafira Active	1.6	5	Black sapphire	22,850	£6,995	<b>USED SELECTION</b>							
2008	08	New Zafira Breeze CDTi +	1.9D	5	Star silver	3,985	£12,895	2007	07	Astravan	1.9 CDTi		Moonland	25,000	£7,995+VAT
<b>NON VAUXHALL</b>								2007	07	Astravan	1.3D CDTi		White	14,200	6,495+VAT
2002	52*	Fiat Punto Active Sport	1.2	3	Metallic red	61,500	£2,995	2008	08	Astravan SE	1.9D		Star silver	5,760	£10,995+VAT
2001	51*	Renault Dynamic Clio	1.2	3	Metallic blue	76,150	£3,150	2007	07	Combo	1.3D		White	8,700	£7,995+VAT
2003	03*	Renault Scenic Fidji	1.4	5	Silver	55,000	£3,695	2008	08	Combo	1.3D		Silver	1,218	£7,995+VAT
2006	56*	Hyundai Coupe Atlantic	2.0	2	Silver	17,200	£7,995	2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi LWB		Silver	19,700	£9,995+VAT
<b>DUE SOON</b>								2007	57	Movano	2.5 CDTi		White	10,300	£12,995+VAT
2005	55	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Flame red	53,000	£4,995	2008	08	Movano	2.5 CDTi		White	11,050	£11,995+VAT
2007	07	Corsa Club	1.2	3	Air blue	10,000	£7,295	2008	08	Movano	2.5D		White	6,460	£13,995+VAT
2007	57	Corsa Design CDTi	1.7D	5	Blues	4,900	£9,995	2005	55*	Vivaro	1.9D		Red	57,500	£8,995+VAT
2005	05	Astra Life E/T	1.6	5	Star silver	36,000	£5,995	2007	57	Vivaro	1.9 CDTi		White	12,100	£9,495+VAT
2005	55	Astra Sxi Sports hatch	1.4	3	Ultra blue	14,000	£6,995	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		White	5,050	£10,995+VAT
2006	06	Astra Design	1.6	5	Panacotta	25,000	£7,695	2008	08	Vivaro	2.0 CDTi		White	16,050	£9,795+VAT
								2008	08	Vivaro	2.5 CDTi		Star silver	3,190	£15,995+VAT
								2005	55*	Traffic	1.9 DTi		Blue	76,100	£5,995+VAT

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## USED CAR ROUND-UP: OUR PICK FROM A KEY SECTOR

### SMALLER/4X4s

IT'S not hard to see why compact 4x4 or sports utility vehicle (SUV) sales boomed ahead of the recession. By combining trendy off-road looks and high-riding MPV versatility – many models had removable or flexible seating systems – carmakers scored a double bullseye. Hi-tech diesels also allowed owners to buy image without paying wallet-busting fuel prices, but even small 4x4s are now seen as less socially and environmentally acceptable and used prices have fallen. However, one person's distress sale can be another's bargain buy – three of the best are featured here.

#### HONDA CRV



HONDA'S CR-V is one of the best compact SUVs, but sales of the smart first-generation car were hamstrung by the lack of a diesel option. That changed with the more rugged Mark II (pictured) and continues through the current and more stylish model – one of the smoothest, quietest and most economical diesels in the sector. All CR-Vs have smart, durable and versatile cabins, plus Honda reliability and, latterly, a 'Made in Britain' tag from production at Honda Swindon.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### TOYOTA RAV



TOYOTA'S original RAV4 (pictured) was dubbed 'the GTI off-roader' and revolutionised the small 4x4 sector. The Japanese marque recognised that few 4x4s actually went anywhere where they needed extra traction, so it concentrated on maximising on-road performance and comfort – the RAV was a huge success. The Mark II was chunkier and roomier with removable rear seats and an even better drive, while the current range has folding rear seats. Marks I and II included three as well as five-door models.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

#### LAND ROVER FREELANDER



TRUE to Land Rover heritage, the Freelander is one of the most versatile and refined compact 4x4/SUVs on and off-road. The country set cachet of the Land Rover badge plus three and five-door options also helped make it a best-seller, but Mark Is (pictured) can be unreliable, so check service history and condition. TD4 diesels are the best Mark Is, but look for tempting deals on 1.8 and lively 2.5 V6 petrol units. Freelander2s are far better, but pricey secondhand.

##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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**C2**, 1.4 HDi SX 3dr, 1y06wmm, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, 806 miles was, blue, 40000 miles, £4995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### FORD

**C-MAX**, 1.8TDCi Zetec 5dr, ra08hvj, metallic moon dust, 4000 miles, £11900, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0 Zetec 5dr Auto, alloy wheels, central locking, electric mirrors, electric windows, remote locking, radio/cd, insurance group:11, silver, 6002 miles, £10990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 3dr, gf06awa, adjustable seats, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, red, 5212 miles, £5995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Style 3dr (Climate), fg57udu, adjustable seats, air conditioning, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:4, red, 7211 miles, £5995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.6 TDCi Zetec S 3dr, power assisted steering, remote locking, radio/cd, silver, 10679 miles, £8995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCi LX 5dr [AC], air conditioning, computer, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, remote locking, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:5, green, 49434 miles, £5995, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

### HONDA

**JAZZ**, 1.4i-DSi SE Sport 5dr CVT-7, gk53mup, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, central locking, driver airbag, electric mirrors, electric windows, electric sunroof, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:3, green, 51500 miles, £5995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### HYUNDAI

**GETZ**, 1.1 GSi 3dr, gf05cwu, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, central locking, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric windows, immobiliser, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering. insurance group:3, red, 40000 miles, £3995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### KIA

**CEED**, 1.6 LS 5dr Auto, gl07pxu, petrol, gold, 16000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**PICANTO**, 1.1 LS 5dr, gj57cdw, abs, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, central locking, driver airbag, electric windows, head restraints, folding rear seats, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:3, red, 19232 miles, £4995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### MAZDA

**BT-50**, lx08ymg, finance available, full dealer facilities, hp+leasing, warranty, warrantable mileage, silver, 3468 miles, £7999, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

### MERCEDES-BENZ

**A150**, 5 door Classic SE, 2009, polar silver metallic, 3500 miles, £15900, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, 3 door Classic SE, 2008, cosmos black metallic, 3500 miles, £9900, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A150**, 3 door Classic SE, 2008, polar silver metallic, 6000 miles, £11495, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A150**, 3 door Classic SE, 2008, polar silver metallic, 5000 miles, £11495, Tonbridge, 0845 481 6497 (TRADE)

**A150**, Classic SE Manual 5 DR Classic SE, 2006, spring metallic, 33732 miles, £7997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**A150**, 5dr Elegance SE, 2008, saturn red metallic, 10652 miles, £12997, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

**A150**, Avantgarde SE Automatic, 2009, jupiter red, 1476 miles, £17498, Ashford, 0845 481 6427 (TRADE)

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**A160** CDI, 5 door Avantgarde SE, 2008, mountain grey metallic, 5000 miles, £15000, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

**A160** CDI, 5 door Classic SE, 2009, mistral blue, 2000 miles, £16450, Maidstone, 0845 481 6487 (TRADE)

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**COLT**, 1.5 CZC3 2dr, gk09nwt, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, side airbags, radio/cd, insurance group:7, orange, 100 miles, £10999, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**COLT**, 1.1 CZ1 3dr, ly08gwn, abs, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, computer, driver airbag, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:3, red, 64 miles, £5995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### PEUGEOT

**107**, 1.0 Sport XS 3dr, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, rear armrest, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:1, black, 9800 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

**207**, 1.4 Urban 3dr, electric windows, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags. insurance group:3, blue, 4587 miles, £6995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### RENAULT

**CLIO**, 1.2 16V Dynamique 3dr [AC], computer, driver airbag, folding rear seats, electric mirrors, electric windows, foglights, immobiliser, head restraints, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags, sports seats, sunroof. insurance group:3, silver, 14615 miles, £5495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### SMART

**FORTWO** coupé passion, 2008, silver metallic, 3000 miles, £8199, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

**FORTWO** coupé passion, 2008, crystal white, 5500 miles, £8199, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

**FORTWO** coupé passion, 2008, deep black, 4800 miles, £7990, Maidstone, 0845 481 6488 (TRADE)

### TOYOTA

**YARIS**, 1.0 VVT-i Colour Collection 3dr, lx55xsj, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, computer, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, head restraints, folding rear seats, immobiliser, passenger airbag, power assisted steering, remote locking, side airbags, radio/cd, rear headrests. insurance group:2, silver, 26000 miles, £5495, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

### VAUXHALL

**CORSA**, 1.4i 16V SXi 5dr Auto [AC], vn07ons, adjustable seats, adjustable steering column/wheel, air conditioning, alloy wheels, driver airbag, electric windows, foglights, passenger airbag, radio/cd, power assisted steering, rear headrests, remote locking, side airbags, sports seats. insurance group:4, black, 15000 miles, £8995, Sittingbourne, 01795 429802 (TRADE)

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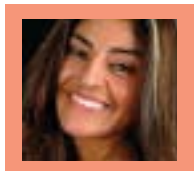


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Fun-to-be-with, blonde female, 25, 5'2", a woman who loves football! Enjoys going out and staying in, looking for a like-minded man, to be her soulmate. Box 446494

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Sociable girl, 28, loves pubs, social drinks, meeting new people & more, seeks similar male, 58-62, for a lasting relationship. Box 448756

### BRING ME SUNSHINE

Outgoing, fun female 28, seek outgoing, fun guy to make me laugh, share good times with. Box 882511

### GIVE AND TAKE IN LOVE

Loving lady female, 30, blue eyes, brown hair, seeking LTR with male 30-35, 6ft+, no baggage, in the Maidstone area. Box 448471

### HAPPY DAYS!

Attractive, fun-loving female, 31, 5'4", size 12, dark hair with blonde highlights, tactile, WLTm intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734

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Single mum from Kent, 34, 5ft4, works part time, looking for an easy-going and genuine male with gosh for friendship, more. Box 450649

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Fair-haired female, 35, 5ft, loves the gym, pubs, nights out and fine company, searching for fun bloke, for life, love and laughter. Box 881011

### SOUND GOOD?

Hello I'm 35, kind, caring and non-smoking, enjoy cooking, cinema, music, dining in and out, looking for that special someone to enjoy a relationship with. Box 447595

### A NEW FUTURE!

I'm Rachel, 35, medium, enjoys pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, cinema, theme parks, looking someone special to share things with. Box 448591

### ON A ROLL!

Hi, I'm Alison, 36, 5ft5, single mum, loves swimming, roller skating and meeting new people, looking for a male for friendship, maybe leading to more. Box 448865

### WISHFULLY YOURS

Loving female, 37, 5ft2, brown hair, slim build, looking for honest, caring male with GSOH, for friendship, leading to more. Ashford. Box 449915

### ENTHUSIASM ENCOURAGED!

Lovely pretty big-busted lady, 39, medium build, 5ft5, lots of energy! likes the gym, reading, new experiences! seeking a nice man for potential exciting relationship! Box 446724

### FULL STEAM AHEAD

Seeking genuine, sincere, honest guy who likes to have fun. I'm a friendly, 40yr old female, like cats, wind surfing, railway trips, cafes. Box 449747

### THE SIMPLE THINGS...

I like reading/writing, going out, music. Seeking kind, genuine, honest chap; I'm a 40yr old woman who enjoys the simple things in life. Box 448542



### YOUNG-AT-HEART

Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

### ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557

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Lovely, glossy brunette, 39yr old, petite, bubbly and loving, enjoys theatre, music and eating out, with a professional, loving and tactile male for a relationship. Box 442551

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### WHERE LOVE TAKES US

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### ON THE LOOKOUT FOR LOVE

37yr old female, 2 kids, slim, brown hair and eyes, 5ft2, looking for a caring, loving, honest and trusting male to be my someone special. Box 446552

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Blond, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693

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Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large-build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102

### MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum, 37, fun-loving, been hurt in past, looking for nice, genuine guy for friendship/happiness - no time wasters! Box 908053

### SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

### CUTE AS CAN BE

Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897963

### LIVE LIFE TO THE FULL

Good-looking brunette from Kent, 43, 5ft10, likes bowling, eating in/out etc. Looking for a good-looking guy, 35-45, with gosh for friendship/relationship. Box 450348

### AIMING HIGH

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### SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES!

Single mum, 43, kind and devoted, likes walks, cinema, beaches and socialising, drinks and films, seeks similar man for lasting love. Box 449586

### COME ON DOWN!

Honest, bubbly female 45, long hair, slim, enjoys walking, cinema, socialising, seeks honest, friendly chap for friendship leading to more. Box 882693

### SOUND GOOD?

Hi I'm Lynne 46, 5ft4, dark hair/eyes, love reading/writing, going out, astrology, cars; seeking honest, caring, outgoing guy to enjoy music, fun, friendship and more! Box 449186

### LOOKING FOR LOVE

Sun-loving 48yr old woman with a second home in Lanzarote, 5ft6, fairly slim, hazel eyes, looking for a man to share fun times with. Box 450310

### ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?

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Good-looking female, 50, looking for a kind, reliable and honest man, must be a moderate drinker, for companionship and romance. Box 450655

### BE MY GUY

Young 50s lady, slim, 5ft4, fair hair, a smoker, loves music, going out, cooking, gardening, seeking similar loving, caring, honest male. Box 449288

### HERE AND NOW

Outgoing lady 50, enjoys walks along the beach, nights out and in with a quiet bottle of wine, seeks man to love forever. Box 449524

### ENTERTAIN ME

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### CARING & PROFESSIONAL

Female 40, 5ft4, long hair, slim build, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 48-55. Hastings. Box 417100

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Smart petite lady, 56, 5ft4, tall, blonde hair, green eyes, likes restaurants, theatre, cinema, travel abroad; seeking happy guy with similar interests. Box 448795

### A COMPANION FOR LIFE?

Blonde lady, 56, 5ft5, medium build, attractive, devoted mum, ready to start dating again and seeking male who loves travel, theatre, walks, cinema and more. Box 448449

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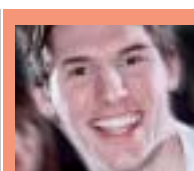
PUT SPARK INTO LIFE  
Caring slim female, 64, 5ft2, like meals out, cinema, walks, gardening and golf, looking for a kind and loving companion, 60-68. Box 450581

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR  
Smart, attractive, bubbly blonde, 72, own house, GSOH, lives on coast, enjoys most things, WLTm smart gentleman for friendship, maybe more...Gareth please call again...leave contacts! Box 438147

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LOVE TO LOVE  
Easygoing female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, medium build, likes winning, dining, socialising, holidays, walks cinema; seeking likewise female for companionship and more. Box 448952

FRIENDSHIP HOPEFULLY MORE  
Feminine woman, easygoing, caring, 45, long brown hair, blue eyes. I love music, eating out, reading/writing, drives, weekends away. WLTm boyish female. Box 848248



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Roland, 22, looking for a woman, 18-25, for fun, friendship and hopefully love. I'm fun to be with and have a heart of gold. Box 450586

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### COUPLE UP

Bachelor, 28, I like music, travel, socialising, I live in Ryde, and WLTm like minded woman, with similar interests. Box 450665

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Hi I'm Andy, 38, seeking female 18-30, blonde, blue eyes, slim, to get to know towards hopeful relationship. Box 450810

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### DOWN BY THE BEACH

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### AIM HIGH

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### HOP ON!

Hello there, I'm male, 40, medium/large build. I enjoy most things in life, going out, nights in, WLTm nice woman to share interests with. Box 450678

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### PUT THE SPICE BACK IN!

Familial oriented guy, 41, separated, looking to find a lady who wants the fun and company of a partner back into their life. Box 884085

### MAKE IT A LOVELY DAY

Hi, I'm Carl, 40, GSOH, 6ft, light green eyes, brown hair, looking for a fun, bubbly woman to share laugh, days out and much more. Box 436696

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### NEW BEGINNING

Sincere genuine man, 47, 5ft9, cropped hair, blue eyes, clean shaven, divorced, looking to meet a nice woman to get to know and take out. Eastbourne. Box 449554

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# Farms alerted to new tax threat by experts

## Revenue from diversification activities has VAT implications

■ BY TONY PATEY

MANY traditional farming businesses in Kent which have diversified in recent years are being warned they may be subject to a new tax threat.

HM Revenue and Customs plans to probe more into the tax affairs of rural businesses that have branched out to make ends meet, according to a county tax expert.

Many farmers have gone into other activities such as light industrial units, livery and stabling, accommodation, and leisure activities as a way of boosting income.

Beverley Aitken, tax partner at Maidstone-based DSH accountants and business advisors, said: "With farmers finding it increasingly difficult to make ends meet in recent years, many have diversified, finding that other businesses are more profitable."

"However, while most are probably doing things correctly, some may not be aware of the numerous VAT and direct tax implications that now apply to their business."

The tax people will be reviewing whether the correct rules have been applied for VAT, self-assessment income tax, corporation tax and inheritance tax.

Ms Aitken is urging farmers who have diversified to carry out a tax 'health check' to pinpoint any irregularities which could be sorted out fast.

She said a VAT registration covered all business activities of the person registered.

So, for example, a registered farmer providing bed and breakfast or holiday accommodation should account for VAT on both aspects of the business, unless the accommodation is a



**TAXING TIMES:** Beverley Aitken and Alan Buckett of Maidstone-based DSH accountants and business advisors

separate business operated by a different legal entity and its turnover is below the VAT registration limit.

Alan Buckett, head of VAT services at DSH, said: "There are so many things to consider, such as are you applying the correct VAT rate to all income?"

"For example, VAT is due at the zero rate for sales of food crops, but fuel crops and by-products are liable to VAT at the standard rate."

"Also if you are charging VAT on land or com-

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The tax people brought in new penalties for the taxpayer on April 1, which means penalties will be linked to the seriousness of the mistake or omission. Although genuine mistakes may not incur a penalty, a deliberate understatement with an attempt at concealing it could incur a penalty of between 30 per cent and 100 per cent of the tax owed.



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SOUTH AFRICA: Stuart Clark is called into one-day squad

## Kent miss out as Aussie Clark called away

### CRICKET

KENT'S preparations ahead of the new season have suffered a further blow after it was confirmed Australian Stuart Clark will not be joining them as their overseas signing.

The fast bowler was expected to join the club at the end of this week for a six-week stint ahead of the Ashes, but he was called into the Australian one-day squad touring South Africa on Saturday.

Clark's call-up came after Brett Gieves fractured his foot during Australia's 25-run defeat to South Africa on Thursday. The 33-year-old arrived in South Africa on Sunday and is likely to make his return to one-day

international cricket in the fifth and final match at the Wanderers on Friday.

It's a big blow for Kent who have less than a week to search for a replacement to spearhead their bowling attack. It's been far from an ideal start to a season for Kent who will be without Amjad Khan after the paceman suffered an injury playing for England, while Robbie Joseph and Warren Lee both picked up niggling injuries in pre-season.

Kent chief executive, Paul Millman, said:

"Whilst we are delighted for the player, we are obviously very disappointed that Stuart is now unable to join us as planned.

"We will assess our options and endeavour to have alternative arrangements in place as soon as possible."

While Kent look for alternatives, Clark told Cricinfo he hopes to still join up with the county at some point during the season.

"I was prepared to fly there next week. I would still like to play there, but I have to be realistic. They might be looking for someone to play for the whole season. We'll cross that bridge after I get back from Dubai."

## Gills teen signs pro forms with Gunners

FORMER Gillingham youngster Luke Freeman has signed professional terms with Premier League giants Arsenal.

The striker moved from Priestfield to the Gunners as a 15-year-old in January last year. Due to his age at the time of joining Arsenal, Freeman could only sign an initial student registration. After celebrating his 17th birthday late last month he was able to turn the deal into a professional contract.

While he is yet to be involved in the first team set up, the England Youth international is progressing well, with seven goals in 15 games for the under-18s and one substitute appearance for the club's reserves.

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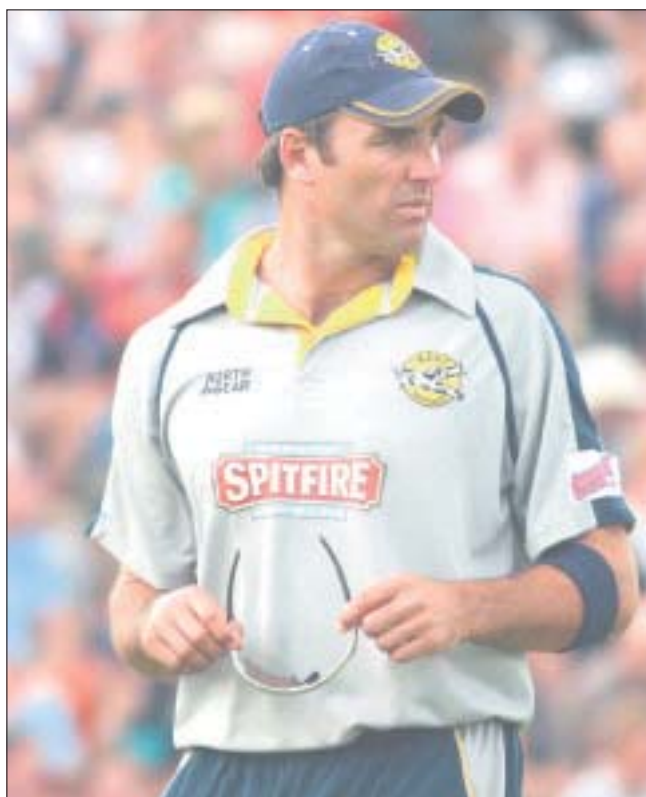
THE days of arguing about who is the best player in your cricket team look to be numbered with the imminent launch of the Most Valuable Player (MVP) system to amateur clubs.

The Professional Cricketers' Association (PCA) introduced the complex scoring system to the county game in 2007 to get a more accurate statistic for each player's contribution to the team.

The PCA is now poised to make the system open to amateur teams and schools which sign up to their website to separate the true match winners from those who only talk a good game.

Kent's Martin van Jaarsveld won the overall MVP title for the county game last season.

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VISA COMPLICATIONS: Batsman Justin Kemp (left) and coach Graham Ford have been unable to join up with Kent due to new UK Border Agency rules which are delaying their visas

# Ford keeps door open to coach England in future

### CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent squad as both he and batsman Justin Kemp have been hit by visa complications.

New requirements set by the UK Border Agency means the South African pair face points-based tests and confirmation from the England and Wales Cricket Board before they are allowed into the country.

The club hope Kemp will be on a plane this week allowing him to be available for selection for Kent's opening County Championship game with Northants on April 21.

Ford on the other hand, will have to complete an English test this week, but is confident of joining up with the squad soon.

Speaking from South Africa, he said: "The whole process has changed from past years which means I now have to get a sponsorship licence which needs to be approved by the ECB.

GRAHAM Ford has not closed the door on coaching England in the future, despite taking himself out of the running to fill the current vacancy.

Kent's former South Africa coach was believed to be one of the front-runners to take over from Peter Moores, together with temporary coach Andy Flower, but the 48-year-old pulled out of the race last month.

Ford felt it wasn't the right time for him, but hasn't turned his back on coaching England in the future.

He said: "There were a number of factors I took into consideration but for me the timing wasn't right. It would be a huge honour and is something I'm sure I would have enjoyed but the timing wasn't right. There's lots to be done at Kent but England wouldn't be something I'd rule out in the future."

The South African is yet to meet up with the

I will also need to do an English literacy test this week and then hopefully I will be allowed to come over.

"This time of the season is really important as it sets you up for the whole season, so to not be a part of it is frustrating and quite disappointing. I'll just have to get up to speed as quickly as possible when I get back."

The 48-year-old expects Kemp to join up with the rest of the team this week and admits it's far from the ideal preparation ahead of a season.

He said: "[Justin] has been playing cricket in Cape Town and I know he has been working hard. The frustrating thing is that at the end of the season he suffered a back injury and missed games, so he is keen to get back.

"It is a tough one to miss pre-season, but the good thing is that he has been playing cricket in South Africa for some time."

Kent begin a three-day game with Loughborough University at St Lawrence today (Wednesday). Play starts at 11am.



# Cory's back to bite Bourne as play-off hopes falter

## FOOTBALL

BY PETER PITTS

### Whitstable Town 1

Cory 90



### Sittingbourne 1

Akhazzan 16



A LAST minute leveller from former Sittingbourne striker Dave Cory put a huge dent in the Brickies hopes of finishing in the Ryman South's play-offs.

Winger Hicham Akhazzan had given the visitors a 16th minute lead on Easter Monday, but it was Whitstable that pulled the rabbit out of the hat in the final minute of the game, making it almost impossible for Sittingbourne to finish in the top five.

The draw will be a hammer blow to manager Gary Abbott who has seen his side drop out of the reckoning in the last few weeks.

The Brickies had kept their slim hopes of pinching a play-off place alive on Saturday as they beat Godalming Town 1-0 at Bourne Park.

In that match, Sittingbourne side saw one change from the previous game, with Joe Horlock making way for Ryan Andrews. The



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### Sittingbourne starting XI



The Brickies were gifted a lead ten minutes later, when Bradley Spice tumbled under a challenge from onrushing goalkeeper Rodney Chiweshe. De Bolla dispatched the spot-kick to put the hosts in front.

Colin Richmond and Jon Neal both wasted chances to double the lead and they were almost made to pay as Shaun Elliott came close to an equaliser with a clever lob.

Sittingbourne enjoyed a good spell early in the second half, with Richmond shooting over after good work from Hicham Akhazzan and Spice.

Godalming continued to carry a threat, but goalkeeper Matt Reed dealt with anything which came his way, tipping a shot over the bar late on.

Akhazzan almost made sure of the points in the dying stages when he went through one on one, but he lost the ball attempting to round Chiweshe.

Sittingbourne play their final home game of the league season this Saturday when they host Whyteleafe.

**EARLY LEAD:** Sittingbourne celebrate Hicham Akhazzan's early goal, but Whitstable levelled late on

game also saw a welcome return for leading scorer Richard Brady after a nasty eye injury, as a 90th minute substitute.

Despite knowing it was a must-win game, Sittingbourne started slowly. It took almost 20 minutes for them to muster an attempt on goal, when Nick Reeves fired over from Mark De Bolla's free-kick.

## FOOTBALL



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**IN PURSUIT:** Norton defender Tom Nunn in action

## Taylor's boys hit form with back-to-back victories

### Norton Sports 1 Croydon 0

NORTON Sports put their poor form firmly behind them with two morale-boosting 1-0 wins over the Easter weekend.

On Monday, Ben Taylor's side produced a shock result in beating Croydon 1-0, while on Saturday, Norton returned to winning ways having lost their previous three games.

They beat Lordswood 1-0 at Martyn Grove. After a poor first half in which neither side looked interested in winning the game, Norton came out in the second half knowing that a goal would be enough to win them the game and after 71 minutes it was Ben Taylor's side that got it. A free-kick from man-of-the-match Harry Goodger was spilled by the Lordswood goalkeeper, right into the path of the returning Lee Hales who reacted first to put the ball into the back of the net.

The forward has rejoined Norton after spending a few weeks at Ashford Town and Taylor is hopeful he will be able to secure the striker's services for next season.

The Norton boss was happy to have picked up a win, albeit not in the most attractive of fashions.

He told Yoursware: "It was a bit of a nothing game really. It was a bit of a midfield battle and really scrappy and neither side looked like attacking in the first half. We came out second half and had a bit of a go and thankfully we got the all important goal."

"We looked so nervous having lost our last three games and it was important that we got that win as it will give us confidence going into the last couple of games of the season."

Norton return to action on Saturday when they make the trip to Erith Town, kick-off is at 3pm.

## LEAGUE TABLES

(Not including midweek games)

### RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstonian	40	25	7	8	+42	82
2 Cray Wanderers	40	23	7	10	+31	76
3 Worthing	40	20	13	7	+27	73
4 Fleet Town	40	19	15	6	+36	72
5 Metropolitan Police	39	19	13	7	+24	70
6 Sittingbourne	40	18	13	9	+10	67
7 Merstham	40	17	10	13	+3	61
8 Ashford Town	40	15	14	11	+12	59
9 Godalming Town	40	16	10	14	+19	58
10 Croydon Athletic	40	15	13	12	+12	58
11 Dulwich Hamlet (-3)	40	15	15	10	+16	57
12 Eastbourne Town	40	17	6	17	-1	57
13 Folkestone Invicta	40	15	11	14	+6	56
14 Walton & Hersham	40	13	9	18	-9	48
15 Whitstable Town	40	13	7	20	-20	46
16 Leatherhead	40	13	7	20	-20	46
17 Walton Casuals	40	12	8	20	-12	44
18 Corinthian-Casuals	40	11	10	19	-26	43
19 Burgess Hill Town	40	9	13	18	-17	40
20 Whyteleafe	39	10	9	20	-16	39
21 Chipstead	40	8	12	20	-35	36
R Croydon Athletic	40	3	4	33	-82	13

### KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 VCD Athletic	30	20	4	6	+42	64
2 Hythe Town	30	20	3	7	+29	63
3 Holmesdale	30	18	6	6	+29	60
4 Faversham Town	30	19	2	9	+43	59
5 Herne Bay	30	18	3	9	+17	57
6 Greenwich Borough	30	18	4	8	+13	57
7 Erith Town	30	13	9	8	+19	50
8 Erith & Belvedere	30	14	5	11	+14	47
9 Croydon	30	13	4	13	+16	43
10 Tunbridge Wells	30	12	5	13	0	41
11 Norton Sports	30	12	3	15	-12	39
12 Deal Town	30	10	8	12	+6	38
13 Slade Green	30	11	4	15	-9	37
14 Sevenoaks Town	30	9	4	17	-20	31
15 Beckenham Town	30	8	3	19	-21	27
16 Lordswood	30	6	3	21	-32	21
17 Sporting Bengal Utd	32	0	0	32	-134	0

### FIXTURES (Saturday):

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH: Sittingbourne v Whyteleafe.  
KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Croydon v Faversham Town;  
Erith Town v Norton Sports

# Shearer penalty puts the Lilywhites in good position

## FOOTBALL

### Erith Town 0 Faversham Town 1

A LATE Lee Shearer penalty secured Town's sixth win on the spin and puts them in contention for a top three finish in the Kent League.

The Lilywhites have been in superb form of late against sides battling at the top of the division and their good run has seen them reclaim fourth spot in the Premier Division.

On Saturday, Justin Luchford's side left it late to claim the points at Erith as skipper Shearer used all his experience to dispatch an 88th minute penalty for the Lilywhites.

Town's good run has seen them beat Sporting Bengal, Sevenoaks Town, Deal Town, Erith & Belvedere and Holmesdale. Luchford's side all but ended Holmesdale's title hopes last Tuesday night as they recorded another 1-0 win thanks to Damian Abel's 23rd goal of the season for Faversham.

The former Folkestone and Hythe striker collected a ball that was played over the top of a flat-footed Holmesdale back four, before allowing the ball to run across him and unleashing a right-footed angled drive from 20-yards across the goalkeeper and into the bottom far corner.

The Lilywhites' good form coincides with their exit from the Kent Premier Division Cup where they lost in the semi-final to Croydon. Town take on Croydon for the fourth time this season at the weekend, with a chance to close the gap on third-placed Holmesdale.



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**GOOD FORM:** Lee Shearer scored from the spot

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